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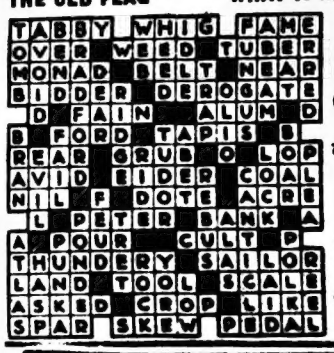

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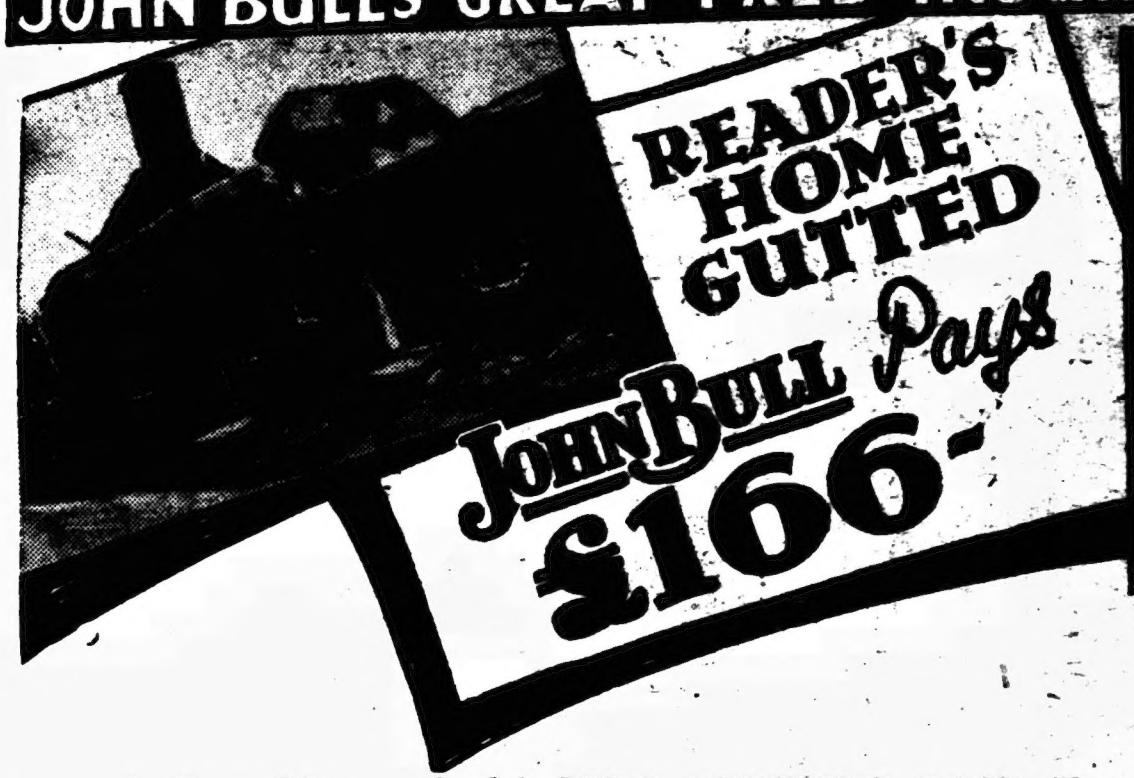

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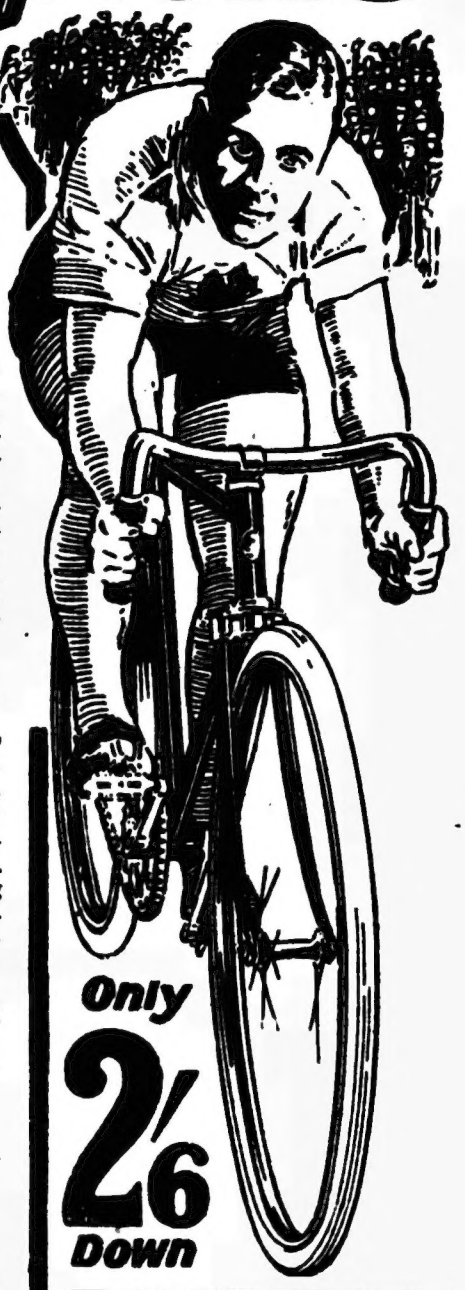

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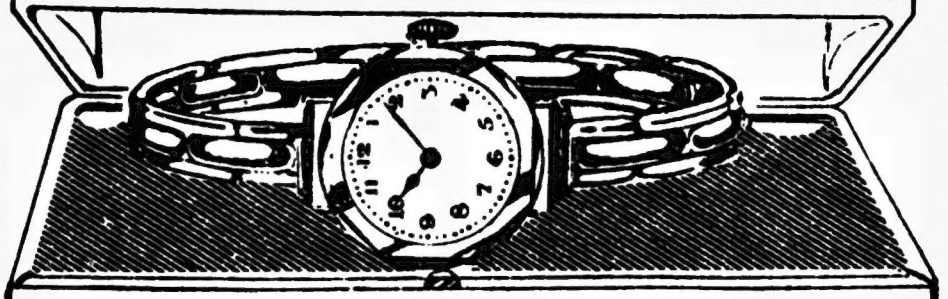

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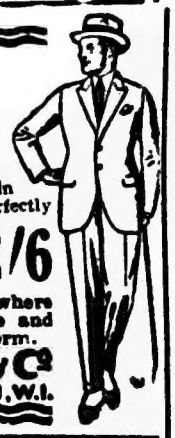

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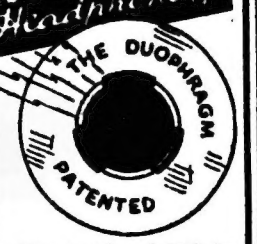

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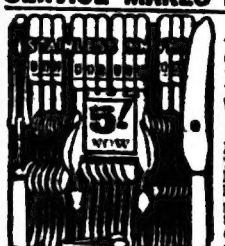

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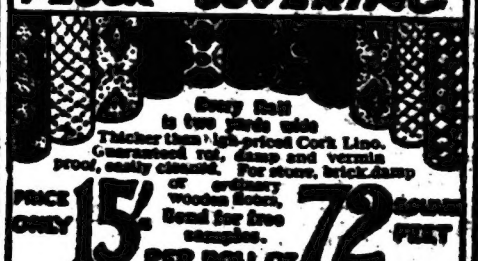

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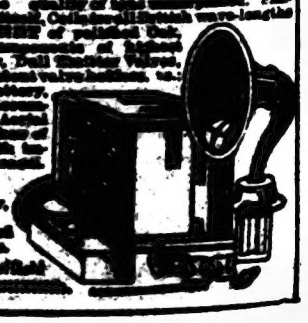

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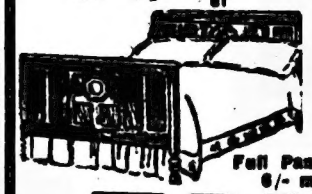

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A tariff here and a restriction there are building up a barrier between the peoples. It is throttling trade and working damage, while the poor struggle like fish in a net and don't know what is harming them.

It's Queer.

When military expenditure is called for we hear not of money, but of "protection" and "security." When education and health are in question then pounds, shillings and pence become at once insurmountable obstacles.

Money Is As Money Does.

Expense is really in the mind of the thinker. What a man wants he is willing to pay for, and what he doesn't, he counts waste. When the country really wants to spend its wealth on welfare it will do it, regardless of the politicians.

Silence.

"Business as usual" is now the slogan of the Chinese Nationalist Government. Foreigners are urged to return to Hankow and coolies who are less than polite to them go in peril of their lives. But the fact isn't advertised as it was when the contrary was true.

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Clean Food.

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America's Way.

"Open shops" in America are prohibited by law. Here the "closed" shop can only become popular when the public refuses to purchase elsewhere. Articles exposed to the weather are always coated with road dust, and that way lies danger.

The Straight Tip.

The truth is that this country is not yet fully instructed in what constitutes clean food and what does not. Road dust always contains bacteria, and sometimes bacteria of deadly human diseases.

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That he is to encourage the provision of public playing-fields, "especially for the dwellers of great cities or towns," is His Majesty's command to the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire. But no encouragement will bring land into use that is locked up until the laws are altered.

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Many towns have boldly taken the bull by the horns and substituted other systems of transport. With 1,020 people killed and 47,039 injured last year in the streets of London, it is time the metropolis followed suit.

The Jig-Saw.

Flour "went up" a week or two ago and now bread "costs more." There's only a one-week harvest a year, so what happens to make the stuff jumpy? Rank profiteering!

The Row Proceeds.

Moneylenders are organised up to the hilt to influence M.P.s to tone down the Moneylenders Bill. Those who grab extortionate interest know their claws are to be clipped.

Clear Evidence.

Painful facts emerge as the Bill goes through its Committee stages. Lieut.-Colonel Heneage "feels rather bitter" because a personal friend shot himself after getting into the hands of moneylenders. That is the sort of tragic fact that tells.

Sound Sense.

"Many children have had their health wrecked for life by attending school when unfit," says Dr. Leslie Thorne. That is why we feel no enthusiasm for medals for regular attendance. A sick child is infective, and is better at home.

Pity Wanted.

No fewer than 10,000 children in London schools suffer from rheumatic complaints, a fact due to poverty, slums and bad housing, which so long as it lasts is Britain's disgrace.

Not All Loss.

The average loss per house in respect of houses erected by local authorities under the 1919 Act is £46. It is balanced by the people's health, and in no sense a dead loss.

A Clerical View.

"To find pleasure in a sport which consists in torturing and killing a defenceless animal bespeaks a person whose outlook is lower than that of the wolf or the tiger," says the Archdeacon of Westminster. So now the lovers of "hunting" know exactly where they stand.

In Ontario.

At Belleville, in Canada, Henry Ward Gould, an ex-schoolteacher, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for persistently defiling little girls. That punishes the culprit and protects child life. The short sentence, as given in this country, does neither.

Worthy of their Hire.

Fifty thousand postmen are seeking an advance of wages. Trusted with the lines of communication of the country's commerce, they ought to be well paid. It is a valuable job and an arduous.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Young Adventurers.

Three Barry schoolboys, one aged sixteen and two fourteen, are to sail for Australia to seek their fortunes. "We are anxious to start work, and we intend to succeed," said one. That is the right spirit and one that has made a name for many a Briton overseas. We wish them luck in their enterprise.

Time to Act.

Though so-called investors are making three and four guineas a week on sub-letting furnished rooms in Nottingham, it means there are six and eight-roomed houses with a family living in each room. Action is to be taken by the council and the board of guardians. But will it be remembered that there is no time like the present for remedying a state of affairs that ought never to have existed?

Energetic Mayor.

Alderman James Baker, who has lately died, started life as a sawpit boy, and even when mayor of Guildford could be seen with the yoke on his shoulders delivering milk to customers. By turns a dairyman, a farmer and the secretary of a building society, he strikes us as just the kind of man, who, having a respect for work, was most fitted to be in an authoritative position.

Filching the Fishers.

Between the deep sea and the profiteers the fishermen and the public are being unashamedly plundered, as Alderman W. Hakes, of Hull, has revealed. Between five and six millions of money were "made" out of fish last year, though the men who risked their lives for the catches had to sell at low prices. Yet there are empty cells in convict prisons!

Dirty Bread.

Bread, says the medical officer of Canvey Island, is carried unwrapped in open baskets, by boys who have to wade through splashing mud and water, and whose hands in summer contaminate the loaves with dust and perspiration. Such conditions, acute perhaps in remote Canvey, are quite serious enough in other districts to merit alteration and legislation.

Wrong Labels.

We think a fine totalling with costs £60 for describing and selling as "Hovis" loaves which were not baked from Hovis flour is none too heavy. Anything that makes our retailers realise that the goods they sell to the public must tally with their labels is on the right road. Albert Edward Ramsey, baker, of Liverpool, is likely to be more careful with the names on his tins in future.

Unselfish.

"Get out of the road for God's sake, there's a big one coming," James William Sharp shouted to his comrades at Coleorton Colliery, as he saw a ton weight of stone falling and knew he could not get clear. Such conduct when facing certain death deserves the highest commendation, declared the coroner of this man, who indeed "saved others while himself he could not save."

Gallant Skipper.

When the trawler of which he was mate collided in a fog with the steamer *Leclite* in the North Sea, Skipper Martin Fielding, of Grimsby, went over the side with a line and saved George Masons, the *Leclite's* mate. Again he went and got the line round George Reynolds. Now he owns the Royal Humane Society's certificate as a token of a fight well waged in the sailor's warfare with the sea.

The Bad Boy.

The reformatory system has failed to reform George Albert Williams. Now only sixteen, he has eight convictions for housebreaking and larceny. Three times he has escaped from reformatories, and at Bow Street he has just been sent to Borstal for three years. Unless care is taken Williams will develop into an habitual crook and be a nuisance to himself and the public. A lad of sixteen should not be hopeless.

Fines Useless.

The case of Maud Gilbey cries aloud if anything did for something to step in where fines and prison cannot avail. Only twenty-seven, she made her forty-second appearance at Hull Police Court charged with being drunk and disorderly. One day we hope the chairman who reluctantly fined her 20s. will be in a position to order medical treatment for such as she.

Charladies' Chagrin.

That cleanliness is next to godliness is not too clearly recognised in Whitehall, where one charwoman must keep clean 2,500 square feet of space. Now soaps, polishes and dusters are rationed to a fine point, which nearly puts a finish on the job though it prevents a proper shine on the furniture. Finicking attempts at "economy" such as this are ridiculous.

Donkeys' Home.

East End horses and donkeys are soon to have a home of rest at Wanstead. We congratulate the two coster kings, Mr. Phillips, of Hoxton, and Mr. Bryatt, of Shoreditch, on their association with a scheme that includes arrangements for an animals' hospital and sanatorium. "Take care of your animals and you will soon care for all living creatures" seems to be the motto which others besides those who wear "pearlies" might adopt.

The Ugly Truth.

Dr. H. A. Mitchell is a Warrington pathologist and bacteriologist, who finds that butter and cheese are quite as capable of spreading tuberculosis as milk, and that the latter, which he sometimes sees poured from one can to another on a dusty railway platform, often contains more bacteria than properly treated sewage, and that "regulation" as practised is farcical. It is the men who know who ought to take such facts to the Home Office, hammer them into notice, and hammer hard.

The Human Machine

A Hard School

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

I THINK the most complete type of idiot is the man who refuses to learn from others' mistakes.

There are plenty such about. They rush in gaily where angels fear to tread—and get their knuckles well rapped for their pains.

They see friends and acquaintances who have learnt their lessons and paid dearly for the tuition, but, bless your life, *they* would never be so silly.

They are supremely blind to facts, overwhelmingly over-confident; they know everything and nobody can tell them anything.

Advice from those who have stubbed their toes on the very rocks for which they are heading is scornfully rejected. To take advice costs nothing—and that, I suppose, is far too cheap.

Since it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright, they inevitably collapse and go through life with a grouse against the world.

WELL, the family of fools is of very ancient lineage and it looks like having a remarkably numerous progeny. "Something for nothing" is apparently its fatuously optimistic motto.

Anybody can give advice, but no one can give conduct. That is why even the soundest advice fails sometimes to restrain the fool from his folly.

They learn in the end, of course, because life has a nasty habit of turning round and giving you a smack in the eye if you persistently refuse to listen to what she says to you.

Experience is a very hard school indeed: it is only fools who stubbornly refuse to learn in any other.

Lucky Belfast.

Kiddies in Belfast are lucky enough to have no fewer than seven play centres, with sand gardens and shelters, and in most cases a woman play organiser and man attendant. Thus children are brought off the streets, given healthy enjoyment and taught the elements of good sportsmanship. What an example for other cities to copy!

For a Child's Sake.

All honour to Cyril Atack, of Border Street, Bury, and Cecil Rhodes, of Stanley Street, Heywood, who, when riding a motor-cycle, did not hesitate to dash into the stone steps of a shop in order to avoid killing a child who had stepped out into the roadway. Both the young men lost their lives, but their relatives and friends have the consolation of knowing that never a sailor upon the sea or a soldier on the field of battle died more heroically.

Grabbing Guardians.

The peril did not count to Robert Stanning King, a workless man, when two children in a blazing room needed help. In he rushed, amid the smoke and flames, to their rescue and was overcome. The children died. King gave evidence at the inquest, and was rewarded with one shilling. And when the Liverpool guardians heard of it they deducted a shilling from the relief money granted to the poor chap. Perhaps they had no children of their own.

Good Fortune.

Those who know what it is like to be out of work for a year, ill for six months and have a little girl of four who cannot walk, can picture the joy of Mr. and Mrs. Gale, of Mitcham, on their discovery that £6,000 has been left them by a stepbrother. Now their dreams of a house at the seaside will come true. It is pleasant to think that even in this world good fortune sometimes comes to those who need it most.

That Fatal Loan.

Three months' imprisonment in the second division is the sad climax to twenty-eight years' service as cashier at the Norwood branch of the Westminster Bank. Percy Cocks, who latterly earned £508 a year, drifted into the hands of moneylenders when his wife fell ill. How much better rather than stealing £475 from his employers, had he told them of his embarrassments. No stone should be left unturned before entering on a moneylenders' too often fatal loan.

Crumbs at Croydon.

After prayer, at the meeting of the Croydon Board of Guardians, came the suggestion that when nursing mothers were granted cow's milk and Glaxo their scale of relief must be cut down. All honour to Mr. G. A. Foan for hotly denouncing the proposal. Time will allow members to think further of the religion which prompts their opening prayer. We rather fancy they will find in it another sort of feeling to little children and poor mothers who happen to nurse them.

Odd Coincidence.

Out of control, a horse with cart in tow, dashed along the road at Camberwell Green and mounted the pavement. George Farr, an employee of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, ran out of the shop, jumped on the horse's neck, and after being carried some distance brought up the runaway. Farr did the same to another horse at this spot last October. We congratulate him on bravely grasping the skirts of circumstance twice in the same place.

"Filth Pits."

In Nottingham there are "furnished rooms" that are nothing but "filth pits," a widow and her five bairns enduring a horrible existence packed in a seven-foot garret, and workless folk existing on out-relief who are at the mercy of rent-grabbers without souls. Mr. E. A. Braddock, a guardian, went into the depths to see for himself, and when he came out the medical officer insisted upon him being fumigated. What does Nottingham mean to do?

One Optimist.

We extend the glad hand to Mr. J. C. Meggitt, chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He finds that everybody is kindlier, gentler and more humane than in the past; the sick are better cared for and public morality is higher. "The influence of the Press is a deterrent to evil-doers," he says rightly. The world is getting more Christian, although it is a long road.

Not a Sugar-cane.

When four schoolboys at Clitheroe broke into a market stall and stole sweetmeats they were haled before the magistrates. The parents testified that already the youngsters had been soundly thrashed, one mother saying that, feeling unequal to the job herself, she took her son to a 6-ft. corporation workman who dealt out twelve strokes with a cane. But what they all forgot was that children who are properly brought up do not break into other people's property to steal.

On Strike.

We think the girls employed by the London Nut Food Company, health food manufacturers, of Battersea, striking for better conditions, have a legitimate grouse. Some girls are paid an average wage of 15s. for a forty-eight-hour week of cracking Brazil nuts with hammers and cleaning the kernels, and the rule forbidding employees to talk except in subdued tones seems harsh. Health food, of all things, ought to be prepared by contented workers, and we hope some amendments will be forthcoming to ensure their being so.

Noble Tribute.

"Of all the influences which shape one's life," wrote Lord Cowdray, "nothing comes into the same category with the great crowning influence which a man possesses in that perfect partner—a well-mated wife. . . . She is simply one's needed life-blood and I make no apology for this due tribute to mine." It takes nothing from the greatness of the tribute that before it reached the public the hand that wrote it had become dust. That there are thousands of such perfect unions, the mainstay of the nation, is the thing to remember when marriage is talked of as a decadent thing.

Wronged—yet Forgiving.

The forgiving nature of woman is a never-failing source of wonder to the male. Rowland Chapman, posing as a single man, made love to a girl, who only learned how she had been deceived when he was in custody. In spite of all she remained his firm friend, and gave him £60 with which to start in business on his release. Had there been any good in the fellow he would have gone straight out of pure gratitude. However, he has just been sentenced again to three years for stealing a motor-car. It is sad to think that such kindly sympathy and help were thrown away.

Duping Old Playmates.

Harry E. Steele, who hails from Ardsley, near Wakefield, has been busy looking out old playmates. He discovered one in a Bradford business man, from whom he obtained £1 10s. to pay for board and lodging. He departed after a week, but forgot to settle the lodging account for which he had borrowed money. He subsequently wrote from another town for the loan of another pound "or 10s. or 15s. will do." As his old friend had heard from the landlady, there was nothing doing. Any other old playmates Steele discovers would do well to steel their hearts against his hard-luck stories.

Well Merited.

Four heroic workmen who attempted the rescue of their mates entombed in the London Electric Supply Corporation's shaft at Deptford Green in January last have been presented by the Mayor of Greenwich with awards from the Carnegie Fund. George Edward Thorpe, of Islington, was the recipient of a certificate and an allowance of £4 10s. a week to date from the accident; George Gaunt, of Deptford, is now the possessor of an inscribed gold watch; John Henry Perkins, of Canning Town, was given £15 in cash; and a like amount was the share of Thomas John Taylor, of Willesden. We raise our hat to all.

Appalling.

The tenant of a four-roomed house in Smethwick recently applied for an eviction order against a family occupying one of them. We can well believe that he needed it for himself, since he had to accommodate no fewer than eight people in the three rooms left him. However, the room let out served as living and bed place for six, father and mother, a son aged twenty-six, another aged fifteen, and two daughters of twenty-one and twelve respectively. To remain moral and decent under such conditions would tax the ingenuity of a plaster saint.

Done by Donley.

William Rice, of Cootehill, Co. Cavan, Ireland, supplied a quantity of poultry to the order of W. Donley, who described himself as a wholesale rabbit, poultry and egg merchant, of Merrion Street, Leeds. There is an outstanding balance owing of £44 19s. 3d. Letters to Donley's former address are now returned marked "Gone away." Small-holders and poultry farmers need to exercise extreme caution before parting with their produce on credit.

Would-be Salesman Sold.

An applicant for a position as salesman with Messrs. Sax Wilmar and Co., of Salisbury Square, London, sent £2 for sample goods. As some of the lines were unsuitable, he retained 15s. worth and returned the rest. He ordered four dozen pocket torches at 8s. a dozen, to pay the difference C.O.D. As these were not forthcoming, he applied for the return of the balance, but despite many applications, has received neither torches nor money. Unemployed seeking to act for this firm as salesmen are likely to be sold themselves.

Golders Green Generosity.

Following a county court judgment for fifteen guineas, a reader received a letter from Mr. I. Phillips, "presuming he was temporarily embarrassed," and adding, "If you think that a loan of ready cash would assist you please inform me the amount you require as I feel sure I can arrange this for you without difficulty or expense." Mr. Phillips, who writes from Dunstan Road, Golders Green, makes no mention of interest, and is evidently a generous individual seeking for hard cases to assist. Perhaps—and perhaps not!

Teddie's Tittle-tattle.

Teddie Nightingale's song is of big money prizes on various races. He describes himself as a Turf adviser and has operated from Lisburn Road, Newmarket, and Cranbrook Road, Ilford. He appoints agents to sell "race finals" at sixpence each, which contain a tip and a chance to participate in big money prizes. Some of the winners, however, are not getting paid. We suggest that many of Nightingale's notes are so out of tune that it is the manifest duty of some one to put an end to his song at the earliest possible moment.

Peculiar Procedure.

The British Trade Protection Association of Whitehall Road, Bristol, in an endeavour to collect 9s., first sent out an imposing, legal-looking blue document, highly suggestive of a summons, threatening immediate proceedings. This was followed by a "final" notice in red ink, threatening a writ—this word having been substituted for the less-terrifying one of summons, although writs are not issued for such small sums. The concern fails to meet the requirements of the Business Names Act, as its literature bears no names of principals. The plausible imitation of legal documents by unauthorised persons should be made a punishable offence.

READER'S HOME GUTTED.
"JOHN BULL" PAYS £166
Insurance Benefit.
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Problems of Life

Tale-Bearing

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

IT sometimes falls to my lot as a clergyman to listen to a story of disagreement told from opposite points of view by two persons each of whom speaks to me in confidence.

Rev. R. J. Campbell

As a rule, I am more than willing to keep the secret; I am not so foolish as to believe that I can repeat the mutual accusations of two angry people without making matters worse.

But there have been occasions when I should have been glad to speak and was sorry to have passed my word not to do so.

A husband and wife, for instance, had drifted apart through various stupid mistakes on both sides, but chiefly in the end through the tittle-tattle of mischief-making tongues.

I should have liked to tell the wife what her husband had said about her good qualities.

But still more—twenty times more—I should have liked to tell the husband where the information came from that had embittered her against him and spoiled both lives.

THERE was a third party in the case—mean, treacherous, wicked—who ruined that good woman's peace for ever by putting her in possession of facts she had better never have known about the man she had married.

The facts were true and could not be denied: that was the pity of it. But why rake them up? They belonged to the past, yet once revealed they could never be forgotten.

The tale-bearer had exacted a promise from the poor sorrowing wife that the source of the deadly communication should not be divulged.

That is what tale-bearers usually try to do—to strike at their victim while screening themselves.

They may be sorry afterwards, but not on account of the harm they have done to others or the pain they have caused; they fear for their own skins.

These cowardly wreckers of happiness abound everywhere. They go about whispering their murderous distortions, exaggerations and falsehoods while taking care to bind the listeners to silence.

"Don't say I told you. Whatever you do keep me out of it, but I thought you ought to know."

SO ill-feeling begins, suspicion grows and festers, and the evil cannot be grappled with in the open because nobody knows where it originated, the slandered one least of all.

He has no chance to defend himself or bring his calumniator to book. Perhaps he never even hears of the reason why he has lost a friend or a home.

Unless it is a case of real trouble in which you may be able to help, never give ear to a story against anyone else.

As for the scandal-monger, he deserves no quarter and should receive none.

THE COST OF HEROISM

A BURDEN BRAVELY BORNE

What Have Their Employers to Say?

RECENT months have brought glorious reports from the East about the bravery and unselfish courage of the British Mercantile Marine in removing refugees from the hands of the Chinese.

At the same time comes a sorry story from the officers of a British shipping company who had risked their lives for the sake of Western women and children.

And from the evidence put forward on their behalf, they certainly seem to have a case which needs an answer.

In September, 1926, the China Navigation Company issued a circular to all ranks of its floating staff, announcing a 10 per cent. reduction in salary commencing from January, at the same time giving three months' notice of termination of services.

The reason for this ultimatum was that the company's "services had been dislocated," and that it was suffering very heavy losses in consequence. Economy was inevitable if the "industry" was to survive.

Wrong methods

The above summarises the company's case. In a crisis affecting every British commercial interest in China it was possible that the China Navigation Company would suffer a pecuniary loss.

As all the world knows, several ports in China have been closed to British and other foreign trade, but despite the reasoning of the company in question, we are unable to comprehend how the reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of its officers will open them.

Without demurring, these same officers have carried on during the last five years on salaries which everyone but seafaring men would consider inadequate owing to a 30 per cent. increase in the cost of living.

They have borne all this in addition to the ordinary perils of the sea, and are among the worst paid Europeans on the China coast to-day.

Let us follow the history of these British Mercantile officers—and incidentally that of the China Navigation Company.

The societies of the mercantile officers in China held a combined general meeting about one month before the reduction in salary was to become operative.

Fateful month

They intimated to the company that they could not see their way to sign new articles of agreement under the new scale.

The company replied that the reduction would not take place, but that in three months' time the position would be reconsidered.

The month of reconsideration was March of this year. In the meantime, it is stated in the case for the officers that the ships of the China Navigation Company were operating under favourable conditions.

It is further alleged that despite the company's statement that "seven of the company's coasters and six upper river steamers have been out of commission since June and October, 1926," five of the coasters were sold to Japanese interests.

In another of its services in the south, personal investigation elicited the fact that many passengers have been turned away owing to the ships being crowded to their fullest capacity.

The fateful month of March came and with it a notice of reduction in

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salary to take effect from the beginning of April.

Several ships' officers were summoned to the offices of the company's agents at Shanghai and apprised of the fact that if they did not accept the reduction the company would be forced to consider the refusal tantamount to a resignation.

Appeal that went home

As some of these officers were men who had completed twenty-three years' service and would shortly be eligible for a pension, the matter was brought to official notice.

The Consul-General, Sir Sidney Barton, was approached. The question of national emergency was mooted by him.

The company's agents, however, in spite of the "national emergency," informed the officers that "there can be no question of arbitration."

Then on the morning of April 2 a deputation of the company's officers waited on the Consul-General, who again urged the matter of national emergency, and this time, as he was pleading with British seamen, his appeal was not in vain.

On one side there were women and children fleeing from hordes of Chinese savages crying helplessly to be conveyed to safety. On the other side there was the China Navigation Company with its reduction proposals.

That was enough for British seamen. The company would be dealt with later. This was a matter of life or death.

And so, the officers returned to their vessels on the reduced rates of salaries. They informed the company.

The company acknowledged their letter with: "We confirm our regret that continued political disturbances and dislocation of the company's services render this reduction necessary."

Now, under what conditions will these fine men continue their duties?

The China Navigation Company has apparently not seen fit to reduce the wages of the Chinese seamen, towards whom it is alleged a pampering policy is adopted.

Disgraceful pay

Cases on record, we are told, show that officers in the company have been reprimanded and suspended by the company's agents for having dared to avail themselves of the authority vested in them by the Merchant Shipping Acts to preserve discipline for the absolute safety of the ship and in the best interests of the company.

At the same time, it is the opinion of many who ought to know, that the charge of pandering to the Chinese at the expense of British Mercantile Marine officers is applicable to more than one shipping company on the China coast.

It is the feeling of the officers' concerned that, while they fully appreciate how necessary uninterrupted trade is for everyone concerned, it is a fact that during the past two years events in China have shown that a gesture of good will is interpreted by the native as a sign of weakness.

If this is the case it surely throws an even more serious light upon the whole affair, and the company will do well to investigate these allegations of pampering.

The pay of all ships' officers is disgracefully low as it is. At the best an engineer officer has to serve six years with the China Navigation Company before he earns as much as the caretaker of Shanghai Town Hall!

Years of practically unpaid training and a subsequent qualifying period are the royal road to promotion in the Merchant Service and naturally the China Navigation Company is very particular about high qualifications.

What is the answer?

Such is the men's case and the company may, of course, have a perfectly good answer to it.

But whatever the rights and wrongs of the matter may be, it is all a most distressing state of affairs.

The taxpayers of this country have not complained against the cost of sending an expeditionary force to protect British interests in China.

They will want to know, however, what reply the Chinese Navigation Company has to the charges of niggardliness and injustice made by a body of men who have deserved well of everyone.

Out You Go!

Street Order for Centenarian

WHILE Parliament's spokesmen are assuring us that the housing shortage is being overtaken, working people all over the country have yet to discover one area in which they can secure at a rent they can afford accommodation for themselves and their families.

The latest housing scandal—one of many similar ones throughout the land—has occurred at Middlesbrough, where a woman over a hundred years of age is among those on whom the local council has issued ejectment orders.

The clearing of insanitary and congested areas is quite a good thing, but before clearing any area it is obviously the duty of the authority concerned to see that adequate provision is made for those who are dispossessed.

Otherwise much misery and distress are caused, and the evil is aggravated.

Harsh treatment

In the Dacre Street area of Middlesbrough there are over two hundred working-class homes.

Fifty-six were marked for demolition on the ground that they were insanitary and twenty-six have already been pulled down and the occupiers evicted.

The corporation owns a housing estate just outside the town at Grove Hill, but only in a few cases have the evicted people been able to obtain a house there. Many of these tenants have lived in these houses for periods of from ten to twenty-five years.

Undue harshness has been exercised by some corporation officials, and at one house a roof was removed while a woman was in bed. It was later replaced by tarpaulin.

The notices served have embraced Mrs. Harriet Hughes, whose age is well over 100 years. No exact record of her life has been kept, but her recollections cover over ninety-five years.

A grave duty

She has lived in the room she is now ordered to vacate for the last fifty-three years, and she is not exactly an object-lesson on the insanitary nature of the district.

She is still hale and hearty, often takes long walks in the neighbourhood, and her eyesight is still good, although she is a little hard of hearing. This old lady has no other home to which to go.

There are many other pathetic cases. Houses in Middlesbrough, as in all other large towns, are impossible to obtain except by those who can purchase them, and we suggest to the corporation that it would be performing its duty to the public in a better manner by letting these tenants remain until it can find them other accommodation than by turning them out into the street.

The housing problem is intimately bound up with the public welfare, and local authorities have a grave duty in the matter.

A HOAX ON THE PRESS

THE APPLETON SKIN

A Shark Gets Busy Again

T. A. APPLETON has recently been busy with a number of schemes designed ostensibly to revolutionise business methods. Really they are intended to secure investments from the unsuspecting.

Calling himself a business specialist, Appleton's headquarters have recently been an office in Cursitor Street, Holborn, E.C.

He is a firm believer in publicity, and has devoted much attention to the editors of newspapers.

"My clients," he writes, "the Invicta Trust, Limited, are about to extend their advertising campaign." For this purpose he enquires the rates for advertisements for a series of twenty-six to fifty-two insertions.

This is the sprat used as bait to catch a mackerel. Appleton then proceeds to give away the real object he has in view in the following terms:

"It would immensely facilitate matters and ensure the obtaining of an order if I could place before my clients a copy of your journal containing a brief editorial criticism of their system."

Fulsome notices

The editors of the great dailies and other important newspapers failed to rise to this obvious bait, but fulsome notices have appeared in quite a lot of more or less obscure weekly journals, including a number circulating in the suburbs of London.

Now let us see what the Invicta Trust really is.

It was formed some seven weeks ago with a nominal capital of £1,000 in £10 shares, an insignificant sum in view of the objects it is supposed to achieve.

While Appleton is trying his luck with editors the Trust is sending out a mass of literature the high-flown language of which is difficult to understand, but which leaves no room for doubt that its real purpose is the acquisition of funds.

Briefly the Trust proposes to float a number of commercial development syndicates. Enormous profits are promised on sums of £10 and upwards.

Boastful claims

The small investor is assured that for a premium of 1s. per £1 share he can ensure the return of his money in six months with a minimum guaranteed interest of 20 per cent. per annum.

Such promises carry their own condemnation to the business man, but the man of small means is likely to be impressed by the claims of Appleton and his colleagues. He is not at all modest and one of his circulars declares:

"In the new world of changed values there has come into being by the working of the law that the hour produces the man a corps of Pilots and Guides whose work it is to lead the Business man across the bogs and marshes which now intervene in his path and place him on firm ground.

"These specialists, specially adapted by intelligence and training to this work, are at present few in number, and they constitute the practitioners of a new profession in which, for want of a more expressive title, that of 'commercial Organiser' is best applied."

These giants are prepared to take over from their owners "small declining businesses," "projects for a new industry," "inventions" and "business opportunities."

In return for these the owners will receive no cash, but shares in the commercial development syndicates of which they will form the basis.

Mr. Appleton describes this Invicta Trust as "my clients." We suggest that his connection is a very much closer one than that.

The secretary of The Invicta Trust, Limited, is a lady named Mignon Rose Waters, of Lyttleton Road, Leyton. Of the £1,000 capital of the Trust she received fully paid shares for £500.

The consideration for which she received this half share in the concern is explained in an agreement between her and the Trust as being for "Selling to the company (1) The plan, copyright and MSS. of and pertaining to the Invicta system of commercial development syndicates; and (2) all rights of and in an invention for an automatic typewriter."

Shining lights

Appleton has been closely associated with a number of other schemes in which Miss Waters has also had a great deal to do.

He was managing director of a company called T. Sleigh, Appleton and Partners, Ltd.

In this case shares were offered to bring in a return of 20 per cent.—evidently a favourite figure. Mignon R. Waters was a director and secretary.

Then there is The Investment Intelligence Service, offering all kinds of money-making information for 10s. a year. Here again Appleton and Miss Waters were the shining lights.

This company issued a dummy financial paper, the *Investor*, with which Miss Mignon Waters' name was also connected.

Who is Appleton? He is certainly a giant of finance—of sorts. He is the author of a book circulated among a large number of dupes some years ago entitled "Finance of the Future."

The Rt. Hon. C. A. McCurdy, K.C., President of the Advertising Association, which will be doing good work in watching the advertising "stunts" of these peculiar schemes

This purported to tell investors how not to lose their money, but many who followed his kindly advice found themselves bamboozled.

Appleton has not been happy in his choice of the name Invicta, from the Latin, meaning invincible or unconquered.

He was certainly conquered on one occasion, when the extent of his defeat was eighteen months' hard labour.

He was then known as J. Howard Harvey, and this is not the only time he has been a guest at one of His Majesty's hotels.

Apart from this, he has been connected with innumerable shady companies, and people with money—much or little—should certainly steer well clear of any scheme with which his name is in the remotest degree associated.

MR. BLUNDER, J.P.

MAKING INNOCENCE CHEAP

THE magisterial system of this country is in serious need of reform, and sentences are imposed which by no stretch of the imagination can be considered to fit the crime.

Recently JOHN BULL drew attention to the amazing inconsistencies of the Bristol Bench, which has again been distinguishing itself.

We do not blame the magistrates themselves, but we do cavil at the system that has made them such.

A man named Walter James Force was recently charged with serious offences against three little girls between the ages of eleven and thirteen.

Strange conclusion

With a woman on the Bench it would be expected that a very serious view would be taken of such a grave outrage on innocent children.

The Bench, however, came to the conclusion that the adequate punishment for this revolting offence was a fine of £5.

We do not think their ideas of justice would be shared by the mothers of the little ones concerned.

Hideous crime

On the same day before the same magistrates a youth was placed in the dock, charged with stealing 12 lb. of sugar. He was not given the option of paying a fine, but was condemned to fourteen days in jail.

It seems a queer sort of justice that places a higher value on a few pounds of sugar than on the welfare of three innocent little girls.

A few days later a depraved wretch named Gilchrist came before two entirely different magistrates, in the same city, charged with the hideous crime of assaulting his four-year-old daughter in the absence of her mother.

In this instance the magistrates did show a little more appreciation of their duties, and sentenced the man to six months' imprisonment.

This is the extent of their powers, but such a monster should have gone to trial and received a more adequate penalty.

In our previous article on the Bristol Bench we quoted a case in which a woman was punished by a paltry fine for resorting with her daughters to a house of ill-repute.

These offences were treated very leniently by the Bristol magistrates, who are not alone in weird decisions.

Before the county justices at Barnstaple, Devon, Arthur Ralph, a farmer, appeared in regard to his treatment of cattle. Cows, heifers and steers were found starving, and one had died.

Awful cruelty

Inspector Pleavin took hay to the cattle, for which they made as best they could, "wobbling like drunken men," and simply wolfed the food. Two could scarcely stand.

For this revolting cruelty, which surely deserved a dose of imprisonment, he was fined £25 and costs.

One redeeming feature was that the magistrates came to the conclusion that he was not a fit person to have charge of the stock, and made an order depriving him of ownership.

Distorted idea

The idea that good services in other walks of public life can fit a person to sit in judgment on his fellows is one worthy of Bedlam. The only really satisfactory system is the appointment of highly trained stipendiary magistrates.

We do not deny that in the main our lay magistrates are a public-spirited body, but how at present it is possible for totally unsuitable persons to be appointed to a seat on the Bench has just been illustrated at Barrow-in-Furness, where John Craig was fined for assaulting an eleven-year-old girl.

He was one of the borough magistrates, but his name has now been removed from the Commission of the Peace by the Duchy of Lancaster.

A SHAMEFUL HOME

OUR WARNING JUSTIFIED

Who'll Stop Blackburn?

WHEN appeal is made for support of hospitals and convalescent homes ready response is usually forthcoming. This is known to professional charity-mongers, who take full advantage of it.

OF all the persistent charity-mongers preying on the public, Walter Blackburn is probably the worst.

Since 1914 Blackburn has been exposed in the columns of JOHN BULL twenty-seven times in connection with his activities in collecting money for the Westminster Charities, of Bessborough Gardens, S.W., the Battersea Children's Welfare Centre and the St. John's Home at Tankerton.

The last-named has adopted many titles in the effort to cajole subscriptions from a charitable public.

It has been the Tankerton Home for the Blind, the Tankerton Home for Incurables, the London Hospital for Incurables, the St. John's Convalescent Home and the St. John's Home.

Cadging leaflets

In all his activities Blackburn has had the assistance as secretary of Hilda Richmond.

In spite of our repeated warnings, no measures have been taken to stop Blackburn's activities. Only the other day a woman entered an hotel in the shadow of the Mansion House with a collecting-box. The place was crowded and practically everybody dropped a coin into the box.

These collectors work on commission of from 25 to 40 per cent. and distribute leaflets on which Captain Walker, J.P., M.D., formerly house surgeon at Charing Cross Hospital, and Dr. Fullard, London Hospital, are mentioned as former resident medical officers of the institution. These statements are totally untrue.

At the very time that this collection was being made the East Kent coroner was conducting an inquest on a man who had died in the home at which the disclosures made thoroughly justified the attacks frequently made on the administration by this journal, and up to that time by this journal alone.

The nurse at the home was a girl of seventeen and a half who had been there for six months, and whose only previous experience of nursing was of four months' duration at the Wandsworth children's clinic.

The man in charge

This was the nurse in charge of an institution appealing to the public for support where there were generally thirty patients and sometimes forty.

She had no certificates or qualifications and had as assistants two probationary nurses.

The value of this assistance may be gauged from the fact that they were young girls, one of whom, aged sixteen, had been there seventeen days. She was previously an assistant at a branch of a large multiple firm.

The man in charge was H. W. Pilgrim, who was described as the resident medical superintendent and called "doctor" by members of the staff, has no medical qualifications whatever and is an ex-wardroom mate in the Royal Navy.

Walter Blackburn at the enquiry described himself as the resident superintendent of the committee's offices in London.

The deeds of the home, explained Blackburn, were in the name of Mr. John Richmond and Miss Richmond, his daughter. The latter was now married to him (Blackburn). He had been twice convicted for frauds in connection with charities.

Walter Blackburn

On July 19, 1913, he was fined £10 at Old Street Police Court for obtaining charitable contributions by fraud.

On that occasion he illegally used the Red Cross as a title for a society for the blind of which he was the organiser.

The second offence was on October 2, 1913, at Brighton, in connection with the Crystal Palace Blind Aid Society, when the sentence was six months.

Blackburn stated further that he lived house free, and the secretary, his wife, was allowed £5 per week for the staff's wages.

Stern condemnation

A statement handed in by his wife showed that for the year ended April 30, 1927, the committee received subscriptions of £1,488 and spent £2,695.

The £1,207 difference was collected by the Westminster Charities.

Cheques in connection with the home were signed by his wife. The funds of the Westminster Charity Committee stood in his name.

The coroner, in his summing-up, said he could not conceive of any more unsuitable person than Blackburn being closely connected with the workings of charity. We have been saying so for years.

The jury also added a rider to their verdict that the management and committee of the home were deserving of censure.

The police superintendent present promised to lay the facts before the Chief Constable.

We hope that now some effective means will be adopted to stop the activities of the Westminster Charities Committee.

A warning against giving subscriptions was issued by Scotland Yard some time ago, and the Charity Organisation Society has also issued a private warning to subscribers.

A STAGE SCANDAL

REVUE GIRLS' SHOCKING TREATMENT

Bertram's Bad Bungle

THOSE who make contracts with others have distinct responsibility. When they leave persons whom they have engaged in distress of mind and body they should be drastically dealt with.

SOME drastic action should really be taken against that class of theatrical manager which takes a company into the provinces and leaves it stranded without means. When young girls are involved in that collapse the dangers can be readily imagined.

Mr. Henry Bertram is the latest addition to a class of theatrical "producer" the profession could do very well without.

We do not suggest for a moment that he belongs to the undesirable "bogus manager" type, but he is a young man who, to put a charitable view on the matter, has allowed his ambition to run away with his discretion, with disastrous results to those with whom he has come into contact.

Good news and bad

Early in February, Bertram engaged a number of artistes to tour with a show called "Good News."

It was represented that following the opening week at Yarmouth, this production was booked up for fourteen weeks out of the following sixteen, the places to be visited including King's Lynn, Bath and Cheltenham.

The places named were to be visited in the first four weeks of the tour and were "guaranteed" by Bertram.

As a matter of fact, the show lasted exactly one week, for which the company did not receive one penny piece in salary, and was left stranded at Yarmouth without money to pay the landladies or the fares home.

The Yarmouth run concluded on Saturday, February 12. Members of the company waited for their salary at the theatre until 1.30 on Sunday morning, but nothing was forthcoming, nor has anything yet been paid.

A number of girls were taking part in the revue, and their plight was made all the more tragic from the fact that several of their landladies refused to allow them to return until their accounts were settled.

Humanity's appeal

As they were penniless, this was impossible, and the assistance of the police was sought. They interviewed the landladies who, despite their grievance, then consented to give the girls temporary shelter.

These poor, hard-working landladies are not the least sufferers from these irresponsible stage ventures.

At Yarmouth four of the ladies were taken in by a poverty-stricken old lady who was in receipt of parish relief and had gone into debt to furnish her guests with food. She was broken-hearted when she found they could not pay.

These girls had only one meal on the Saturday, and on the Sunday there was not a crumb in the house either for them or for the landlady.

They approached Mr. Bertram, who gave them a note to hand to Mr. Dan Thomas, manager of The New York Comedy Four, which was included in the cast, and in this Bertram asked Mr. Thomas to assist the ladies and promised to refund the money expended on the following day.

Perilous plight

Mr. Thomas assisted five ladies with money and a further five with food, but has never had any repayment.

With the exception of Mr. Thomas's company, the whole of the lodging bills were left unsettled.

One girl of sixteen was wearing sodden boots, and the rain had soaked through her stockings.

To carry out her engagement she had stayed with a friend for a fortnight at Yarmouth, and they had nothing with which to meet their obligations.

Four other young ladies sought assistance from the police poor-box, and others got relief in other directions.

The matter was taken up by the Variety Artistes' Federation, and the Stage Guild and a connection of Bertram was prevailed upon to furnish funds sufficient for the girls to return to their homes.

Damaging report

Through the Variety Artistes' Federation, Mr. Dan Thomas sought to recover his salary and £6 1s. 3d., amounts disbursed on account of Bertram.

The latest report from the Federation, however, states:—

"According to information just given to us by the general secretary of the Stage Guild, Bertram is without means of any kind whatsoever, and it would be hopeless to pursue him at the present time. Furthermore, Bertram has resigned his membership of the Stage Guild for reasons which must be obvious."

The sooner drastic regulations are devised in connection with touring theatrical companies the better.

Bertram's explanation of his conduct is that he booked the show at Yarmouth with a different cast, and was guaranteed £100.

The resident manager on the first night was dissatisfied, and came to an arrangement with Bertram to work on a percentage.

He advanced £35 to Bertram during the week, but flatly refused to pay the balance of the guarantee.

That is a matter between Bertram and the theatre, but we hope he now realises that it is an extremely serious matter to take young girls on tour and leave them stranded without a penny in a strange town.

If he takes any more companies we trust he will make sure of having sufficient financial backing first—indeed, all touring managers should be compelled by law to do so.

THE SAMPLE KING

ROBBIE'S ROSY RAMP

A Postcard Pest

WE have heard of the Scotsman who requested to be directed to the boot and shoe department at one of Woolworth's establishments, also of his compatriot who walked to the exhibition at Wembley and was then unable to see it as he was too tired to climb over the wall.

It has been left to a Yorkshireman to leave both these classic examples of—well, suppose we call it thrift—stone cold.

He has discovered the secret of finding the wherewithal to exist by the simple expedient of getting multifarious firms to send him "samples" of their products which he promptly turns into ready cash.

Humorous and serious

This individual is Henry (or Harry) Robinson. Although his scheme of operations has a distinctly humorous side, it is one which, carried out on the scale to which Robinson has developed it, is a source of great annoyance and not a little loss to a lot of firms.

Unlike a great number of others who live on their wits, Robinson never changes his name. He is always Robinson, although his addresses vary very considerably.

Here again, however, he is remarkably consistent in that he never wanders from the hard-headed counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire, probably thinking that communications from various places in those centres are not likely to be so closely scrutinised as would be epistles from wicked London.

He is not at all confined to one class of business, however, his activities being marked by their infinite variety.

Our enquiries show that for upwards of ten years he has found his simple system a very profitable one. He has printed a number of elaborate post-cards with an ornate business heading and these he despatches to firms all over the country asking for samples of their goods.

Lately he has been operating under the impressive title of "The Yorkshire Warehouse Company," wholesale shippers, of Butt Lane, Idle, Bradford.

A typical example of the printed post-cards sent out by this "firm" is as follows: "Gentlemen—We have an enquiry for silk lingerie, French knickers, and Princess petticoats. Please send samples of smart novelties for quick delivery. Medium prices."

Following this was the printed signature of The Yorkshire Company, followed by the initials "H. R." The card bears a reference number, and in italics the words, "Please send all goods per passenger train."

These post-cards sent out by the score have provided Robinson with a large quantity of goods in small consignments. These are disposed of by Robinson, and the forwarding firms, as a rule, find it is very difficult indeed to obtain payment.

Three smart numbers

As the individual amounts concerned are small, many of the firms prefer to let the matter drop, which is just what Robinson desires, and in the aggregate he has made quite a good thing out of it.

He does not, of course, always meet with unqualified success.

On one occasion when he had asked for a number of fairly expensive goods the firm concerned caused enquiries to be made. It had received a post-card headed "The Norwood Manufacturing Company," which is one of the titles under which Robinson has worked from time to time.

This ran: "We specialise in blouses and gowns (wholesale). We have enquiries for ladies' winter coats with fur collars, also for gowns of velour cloth, nigger, navy, etc., 55s. to 85s. Please send samples of three smart numbers, full size, long coats and oblige. Per passenger train only."

Bluff that failed

But this particular firm refused to be impressed, and as a result of its investigations found that the address of The Norwood Manufacturing Company in Norwood Street, Shipley, Yorks, was a private residence where Mrs. Robinson and several children resided.

The "three smart numbers" were not forthcoming. He has, however, secured samples of clothing of all descriptions, boots, aluminium ware, children's painting-books and a large number of other articles too numerous to mention.

Only when in a very tight corner does he pay for any of these goods. Recently a judgment was obtained against him in a county court.

The Yorkshire Warehouse Company is at present operated from an address at Whitely Street, Bingley, Yorkshire, the Idle address having been abandoned when things became too warm.

The premises of the "company" at Butt Lane, Idle, consisted of a room at the back of a butcher's shop. There was no stock except a few showcards and Robinson merely called daily for letters.

Sir Henry Whitehead, President of the Textile Trades Association, which should warn all its members of this "sample" trick's'er

There were many callers in his absence, consisting largely of gentlemen with samples of certain legal blue forms or travellers after payment for other samples.

Prior to going to Bingley, Robinson was also in "business" in Infirmary Street, Bradford.

Requests to refuse

Apart from The Yorkshire Warehouse Company and The Norwood Manufacturing Company, Robinson has also posed as The Thornton Manufacturing Company of Leeds, where his premises consisted of an accommodation address.

Some time ago a certain firm advertised for a traveller and Robinson replied stating that he controlled all the largest drapery sales in the North, and that he had for four years represented one of the most exclusive West End stores. This was, of course, untrue.

Anyone receiving requests for samples from Robinson should insist on payment before delivery.

Mean Official Action

Diddled Out of a Good Pension

MISS ELIZABETH BULL was for over twenty years in the Telephone Service, at the end of which time she had entire charge of the Post Office traffic at the Wellingborough exchange.

During that period no complaint was made against her, and yet her services have been dispensed with in circumstances of exceptional meanness.

Miss Bull was granted two months' sick leave and at the end of that period saw her doctor, who gave her a certificate to the effect that she was fit to return to her duties.

Notwithstanding that, she was not allowed to return and after a period of six months on full pay was pensioned off at 15s. per week.

Shabby action

The mean part of this action lies in the fact that after a few more years' service Miss Bull would have been entitled to a pension at more than double that amount.

JOHN BULL took up the case with the district manager of the Post Office telephones, Nottingham, in whose area is the Wellingborough office, and we were informed that the matter would receive attention.

Right to justice

Nothing further was heard for some months, when in reply to a further letter, we were told that the matter had been referred to the Secretary of the Post Office, "who regrets that he is unable to permit discussion of the circumstances of Miss Bull's case with you."

The Post Office is a public service, the Secretary is a public servant, as was Miss Bull, and the public has a right to know the reason of this shabby treatment.

Miss Bull has lost her position through no fault or misdemeanour, and is clearly entitled to some more adequate reason for what is virtually a dismissal than has up to now been vouchsafed to her.

Opposition Gone Mad!

'Bus Employees Badly Treated

THE National Omnibus Company at its Hatfield garage has recently issued a notice in the following terms:

"It has been noticed that some employees of the company have been in the habit of riding on opposition vehicles which is detrimental to the interests of the company. This more particularly applies to men so travelling in the company's uniform.

"As there is only one interpretation for such action serious notice will be taken of any future individual instances. This does not apply to undertakings with whom we have working arrangements."

This seems a particularly high-handed action and very difficult to understand, as many of the company's employees live many miles from the garage where they commence and end their day's work.

A long tramp

These men start work too early or finish too late to travel on the company's vehicles.

Several of these live at St. Albans, a distance of some five or six miles. To cover this distance they have been in the habit of travelling on a 'bus which is run by a private individual.

As a matter of fact, the company was approached to furnish a vehicle, but would only do so on terms which the men thought to be prohibitive. In these circumstances, they took advantage of the only available means of transport.

Cause of friction

It is quite a new idea for employers to dictate how their men shall get to and from their work, especially if they themselves, which of course they have a perfect right to do, refused to provide free facilities.

Such actions largely contribute to feelings of injustice and are a fruitful cause of friction.

We sincerely hope that the National Company will alter its decision and show some consideration for the men who, after all, make the working of its services possible.

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THE writer is a son of Viscount Churchill and a second cousin of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The latter should think well about the cogent arguments of his relative before he takes a very dubious leap in the dark

The Gambler's Dream

by **The Hon. VICTOR SPENCER**

IF the "tote" is introduced into this country, we are threatened with "touting-shops" kept up by the State. People who are dissatisfied with their winnings at racing think they would do better if they replaced the bookmaker by a machine.

But the bad old days of the gambling-hells will come back if the reactionaries are allowed to wreak their will on the Constitution.

Startling changes in the laws of the land will have to be made before the totalisator can be set up. When the Gaming Act of 1853 swept away the dens of iniquity which disfigured the country, the nation gained at once a cleaner type of youth and a happier, because a better-off, working class.

Hypnotised by the need for balancing a Budget which was rendered huge by its political mistakes, the Government is slyly turning to the legal gaming-house as a source of revenue and a way of escape from its sins.

"Tax sport" was its solution when faced with an 833 million pound Budget. It sought to gain six millions, but got hardly three, and crippled a complete national business into the bargain.

Is it bluff?

Now that it finds that taxing sport does not pay, and tends to kill sport as well, it is hinting at the establishment of legalised gambling-houses in order that it can tax these!

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has already half committed himself to an interest in the "tote." It may have been a bluff, but when a man in his official position makes a public statement on a matter of national policy, one cannot dismiss his words as trifling.

Here are his own remarks, as given in an official report issued by the Treasury after the Chancellor had met recent racing deputations:

"I have given a great deal of thought to the questions of the totalisator and of legalising cash betting by post.

"I do not believe the totalisator would necessarily be so disadvantageous to the bookmaking fraternity as it is sometimes represented, and I am certainly bound to tell you that opinion is gathering much more strongly in favour of it than was the case last year.

"I am surprised to find how many high authorities there are who, a year ago, were opposed to it, and are now urging strongly that it should be adopted."

There is a sting in the tail of this alluring description of the future of the "tote." Mr. Churchill ends up with a plain admission that the legal gambling-shop would not be dealt with as a mere item in his annual Finance Bill, but would have to have a special Act of Parliament to itself.

Revolting prospect

"Of course," was the glib conclusion of the Chancellor, "it would require an alteration of the betting laws, and that is not a subject which could be dealt with in a Finance Bill."

Mr. Churchill is building castles in Spain as freely with his "tote" hopes as he did with that lamentable failure, the betting-tax.

Spain should indeed be his spiritual home, for poor old England, still staggering under the blow of the war and the labour troubles of last year, would crumple up altogether in the present international war on industry if delivered over to the vice of State-patronised gambling.

The thought will revolt anyone who has ever seen a Spanish town with all work stopped while the populace awaits the announcement of the result of the national lotteries. On the biggest lotteries of all the whole country takes a holiday, and for three days the telegraph services decline to accept any telegrams for transmission except those dealing with lottery business.

Of what use is it to raid the worst night-clubs of the underworld of London, and fine a few dozen worthless people for risking their own money, if the whole country is to be invited to take its earnings to the nearest Government gambling-office at the corner of the street—merely in order that Mr. Churchill may balance his Budget!

Wretched return

The wretched three millions that the Treasury looks like getting out of the first year of the betting-tax will achieve no object other than the throwing out of work of a few thousand unfortunate people working for a weekly wage in the office of betting and other racing concerns, and to wind up the small businesses of many ex-Service men on whom their families depend.

But if the Government had done its duty to the nation as paid public servants should, it would have saved not three but probably 300 millions by handling the Russian situation aright. And 300 millions would be the total yield of the betting-tax if it were kept on for 100 years!

By playing into the hands of the Bolsheviks, by allowing them to discredit British prestige in China and the East generally, by countenancing their constant war on British trade all over the world when a million unemployed Britons were aching for a job in any trade at all—by all this long policy of pious neglect and baffled futility the members of the Government have lost this country many hundreds of millions in the past few years.

For all this the principal members of the Government are paid £5,000 a year each—by you and me.

Dangerous hypocrisy

The Chancellor gets £5,000 for planning gambling-hells or, what is even easier, for talking about them; the Home Secretary gets £5,000 for giving the name of "Jixi" to a comic taxi which has never appeared on the streets; the Foreign Secretary gets £5,000 for letting the Bolsheviks abuse our goodwill and attack our trade; the President of the Board of Trade—the trade we haven't got—gets £5,000 a year too; and the Premier gets £5,000 for smoking a pipe and being gentleman enough to stand the racket for the actions of the other Ministers.

In all, nine Ministers are each paid £5,000 a year, one £7,000, another £6,000, and the Lord Chancellor gets £10,000.

Altogether our Ministers are paid £140,000 a year in salaries for being a board of directors which, having lost us £300,000,000, tries to get £6,000,000 out of sport. When they failed they began to think of starting cheap gambling-dens in which the British workman could be relived of the slender wages that he was probably lucky to get.

Enough of this dangerous hypocrisy.

I cannot remember when the present Government was put into office, but it seems years and years. A dull time always seems a long time. As a matter of fact, my calendar shows it was two and a half years ago.

What has it done? Nothing. What has it failed to do? Everything. But its beatific sleep has been crammed with fair dreams, and the latest is the glittering vision of a gambling hell.

The idea of the totalisator—slick as a clockwork train—has deceived better brains than Mr. Churchill's, as some countries have found to their cost. British racing, with its meetings all over the country on a multitude of courses, is even more unsuited to the totalisator than many lands.

The Hon. Victor Spencer

National peril

Does the Chancellor know that on Easter Monday there are thirty-two racing meetings in different parts of the country, and if each meeting had the usual three rings of prices there would have to be ninety-six different totalisator machines with their own staffs scattered throughout the Kingdom—for one day's business alone?

Does the Chancellor know that 85 per cent. of the betting in this country is done away from the course, and that since the betting-tax has only yielded half what he expected, the totalisator would only yield him 15 per cent. of half, or a mere 7½ per cent. of his needed £6,000,000?

The only alternative to working the "tote" on the course alone, as it is done in most countries where the totalisation principle has taken root, is to permit the public to bet openly for cash at branch offices of the "tote" organisation.

What working youth fresh from school would be safe when he would have to pass Government offices in the street where he was invited to hand over a portion of his pocket-money on the chance of winning something? Win or lose, the State would get something out of it. But win or lose the nation would be poorer, either in morale or in cash.

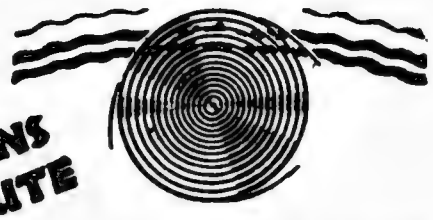
There is an Eastern fable about a monkey who saw a nut in a bottle, and who put his slim arm down the neck of the bottle, and seized the nut that lay within. But when he pulled up his clenched fist containing the nut, he found that his paw would not come out of the bottle-neck again.

His cupidity was so strong that he would not let go the nut, which would have allowed him to take his paw easily from the bottle. So there he stuck and still he sticks.

Words to the wise

Mr. Churchill is a man and a highly civilised one. He is cleverer than any monkey and cleverer than most men. But he will have to ponder that fable very deeply. Perhaps he does not like Eastern fables. Perhaps he would prefer plain English.

"Penny wise, pound foolish." Is that plain enough and English enough for His Majesty's Government?



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To Mrs. STANLEY BALDWIN,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR MADAM,—You told the Conservatives of Rotherhithe that you are proud of being the wife of Stanley Baldwin, the man not the Premier, which is a totally different thing. You testified to his unselfish service on his country's behalf. Though his methods do not always appeal to me, I find pleasure in following you so far, and I am sure that the loyalty of his partner has ever proved a potent spur. Only a noble woman could have paid so finely human a tribute. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—Your message of congratulation to Mr. Bruce, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, was happily phrased. In it you spoke of Australia's record during the past quarter of a century as one of continuous progress which the opening of the new House of Parliament will further develop, both in resources and well-being. It would be well if the same could be said of the mother country, which in all these things should give a great lead. Yet nothing is more certain than stagnation unless you insist on a national crusade to end unemployment. You may have forgotten your election pledges. I haven't. JOHN BULL.

To Lieut.-Colonel HOWARD-BURY, D.S.O., M.P.,
Bath Club, W.

DEAR SIR,—Your scheme of great roads radiating from London, and capable of carrying the motor traffic of twenty years hence, is a good one. If great main roads were provided on one side with a path for pedestrians, and on the other side a track for bicyclists and a green bridle-path, to say nothing of bordering the whole thing with fruit trees, the unemployment problem would be solved for years to come, and the country made safe instead of being little but a hap-hazard series of death-traps. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Rev. Dr. WINNINGTON INGRAM,
Bishop of London.

DEAR SIR,—Your impression of the Chinese situation, as gathered in your travels, might have been expressed in happier terms. As a representative of the Nazarene Preacher Whose gospel was "peace and goodwill among men," it is curious you should be "glad that we have a fighting admiral out there" and commend the British rulers for "showing their teeth." These are words fitting for a military strategist. Coming from a Bishop they leave a nasty flavour.
JOHN BULL.

To the DUKE of BEAUFORT,
Badminton, Gloucestershire.

DEAR SIR,—Clad in miner's overalls and carrying the usual safety-lamp, you have descended into the coal-pits at Garngoch Colliery and spent a long time examining the workings. You now know what the hewing of coal below the ground involves. It should make you capable of understanding the point of view of those whose livelihood must be gained there. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. JOSEPH WRIGHT, Ph.D., D.C.L.,
Banbury Road, Oxford.

LEARNED SIR,—You are a living verification of the adage that "it's grit as does it." You started life as a mill-hand at 3s. 6d. a week, and taught yourself to read. Later it was under the same tutor that you mastered French and German, Latin and Greek. Many honours have come your way, but I doubt if one has been more welcome than that recently paid you when your portrait was hung in the council school at your birthplace, Thackley, Bradford. A noble example to the youth of the land! JOHN BULL.

To Miss LILIAN BAYLIS,
The "Old Vic.," Waterloo Road, S.E.

DEAR MADAM,—In token of the regard in which you and your helpers are held by the audiences which flock to your theatre, after the last performance in the old building you were presented with gloves and fruit from the gallery, and the men and women of the company received flowers and cigarettes. The "Old Vic." is a thing of the past, but a "New Vic." is to arise in its place; and so long as the management remains in your enthusiastic and capable hands I am sure the splendid traditions will be maintained. You tell us that you love those for whom you cater. Rest assured that they love you. JOHN BULL.

To Miss ETHEL E. FROUD,
National Federation of Women Teachers.

DEAR MADAM,—Taking a busman's holiday last year in Russia; you studied the present-day method of education in that country. The Government, having realised that no country can live on its past, is tackling the problem seriously and earnestly, educating every child with equal impartiality and not neglecting its adult population. This will tell in the future, and it is well that we are warned of it, not by shrieking hysterics, but by a woman who looks at the matter calmly and merely tells the truth as she knows it. Modern Russia cannot be treated as a mob of untutored savages.
JOHN BULL.

To the THEATRE SOCIETY,
Welwyn Garden City.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Heartiest congratulations on the success of three of your representatives who have recently beaten the best amateur actors of America, and have carried off the David Belasco silver cup. I am not surprised, as I expected great things of them after hearing their wonderful performance of Charles Lee's "Mr. Sampson" over the wireless. They tell me your garden city boasts over 200 amateur performers in a population of 5,000. A fine tribute to your enthusiasm and to the latent talent in the land.
JOHN BULL.

To Detective-Sergeant MORBEY,
Scotland Yard.

DEAR SIR,—To "run in" a fellow-creature for breaking the law is never the pleasantest of jobs, but there are certainly two ways of doing it. You choose the better one. Even prisoners in the dock thank you for trying to find out extenuating circumstances in their behalf and magistrates recognise your humanity.
JOHN BULL.

To GWYN REES and ALBERT VINE,
Tallards Marsh, Ledbury.

DEAR LADS,—Your neighbours have seen to it that your heroism in rescuing a dog tied up in agony and left to perish on the rocks of the cliffs has been recognised. The bicycles with which you have been presented will give you many a fine outing, which at eleven years old you are both young enough to enjoy. Go on as you began and you'll both be fine men some day JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. LLOYD GEORGE:—"I was never a violent Party man."
A negative attitude assumed by many leaders when their particular Party is out of office.

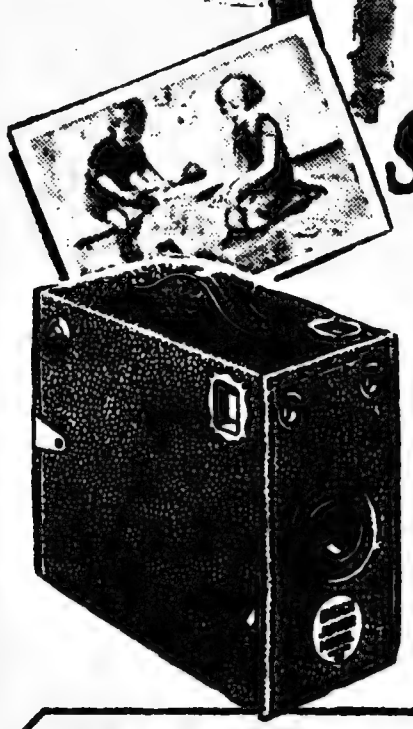
SIR J. FIELD BEALE:—"Bad times are surely a test of efficiency."
And certainly a result of inefficiency.

SIR P. PILDITCH, M.P.:—"There is no royal road to economy except by the action of the Government itself."
There is only one royal road to economy and that is to give a lead in disarmament.

LORD KYLSANT:—"There is no boom in shipbuilding."
But merely a pleasant trade revival which, taken at the flood, may lead us on to prosperity.

DR. HARRY CAMPBELL:—"I consider a good 'damn' for a man an excellent thing."
If first he makes sure that the thing he damns needs damning.

The Unwelcome Intruder *(Russia is participating in the Economic Conference now sitting at Geneva.)*



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THE ANARCHIST'S PARLOUR

Playing with Live Bombs

NOBODY could accuse the *Statist* of being a Communist journal. It is the most sober financial paper in the world. It is, in fact, the authority on matters connected with finance and industry. Therefore its views on the Trade Unions Bill, which is in process of disrupting the country, are of more than common interest.

"It is a folly," says this paper, "to suppose that the Bill can ever attain its ends; that the political action of a whole section of the community can be controlled by a mere threat of fine or imprisonment.

"It is a blunder to introduce it at a time when both employers and employed, strike-weary and perhaps conscience-stricken, were groping their way towards the light of a better understanding.

"The nation was ripe for an industrial Locarno. In its place the Government is giving us, with the best intentions in the world, one of the most provocative and mischievous pieces of legislation ever perpetrated."

If we had used language like that we might have been accused of being blindly and in a bald-headed fashion 'agin the Government."

Yet here is a paper whose sole concern is to watch the course of industry and finance and to gauge the effect of politics on these. This is what it thinks of the Trade Unions Bill!

AND if this is what the most sober financial journal in the country thinks, there is some excuse for the attitude of those whom the Bill is going to affect most closely.

Nobody, however, has apparently thought it worth while to point out that the pivot on which the Bill turns is individual liberty.

Yet that is really all that is involved. There are really only two aspects of this question that are worth consideration—the right to strike and the right to work.

Nobody would deny that if a man finds the conditions of his employment intolerable, he has a perfect right to withhold his labour until those conditions are remedied. That, in fact, is so implied in the Bill.

It is not so readily agreed that the converse is true, and that if a man has the right to withhold his labour he has also the right to give his labour.

Possibly the reluctance to admit the right to work is due to the very far-reaching implications that follow from such an admission.

If there is a right to work there is an obligation to see that the work is provided. And that is an elementary fact that nobody, politician or anyone else, has thought it worth while to consider.

We would go so far as to say that if the right to work were an admitted and acknowledged fact, if it were part and parcel of our social system, there would probably never have been any occasion for the introduction of the Trade Unions Bill.

A ton of repressive legislation can never accomplish in a year what one ounce of progressive legislation could accomplish in twenty-four hours.

LEGISLATION to be socially valuable should open fresh avenues to the better enjoyment of life. It should not restrict and repress by the creation of a multitude of new and hitherto unthought of crimes.

We are wandering in an endless circle that has been created by the fear of a poverty-stricken old age on the one hand, and a fear of trade dislocation and losses on the other.

The result on both sides is tyranny, since fear always produces oppression.

Long ago Sir Harold Bowden offered to finance an industrial Locarno at which these problems could be hammered out round the conference table, and a satisfactory method of progress arrived at by mutual consent.

So far as we know his offer is still open. Surely it is not yet too late for the Government to throw overboard "one of the most provocative and mischievous pieces of legislation ever perpetrated" and achieve results that are vitally necessary to the well-being of the nation by means which will ensure those results being achieved.

Sir Harold Bowden, Chairman and Managing Director of the Raleigh Cycle Co., Ltd., who has repeatedly offered to pay the expenses of getting together a conference of employers and employees to discuss together industrial problems

PAYING THE PIPER

Make Them All Tell!

THE Prime Minister, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, has emphatically stated that he is not prepared to introduce legislation to compel all political Parties to publish annually a list of subscriptions they receive.

This is a pity. No two things are more inherent in the British make-up than the love of justice and fair play, and nothing is more calculated to arouse the sense of injustice in the four million trade unionists who prompted the question than this reply of Mr. Baldwin.

The Registry of Friendly Societies publishes annual returns giving details of membership, income, expenditure, and accumulated funds of every trade union registered in the country. That is compulsory by law.

Judging from some of the speeches made in defence of the Trade Unions Bill, it might well be supposed that the major portion of their funds was devoted to this object, and that trade unions exist for no other reason than to wreak vengeance on their opponents and "down" the Government.

That is why, as perfectly impartial onlookers at the present struggle, we advise interested persons to examine carefully the facts for themselves.

Take, for instance, the balance-sheet of the Amalgamated Engineering Union with a membership of 234,323. Its income for the year 1925 was £1,270,752. Of this, £6,154 was devoted to the political fund.

Other unions show similar results. Of the Boilermakers funds in 1925, out of £1,396,955 the political fund claimed only £2,578; while the Building Trade Workers, out of an income of £188,744 gave only £302 to politics.

Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues know this as well as we do. Why then does the Government hesitate to compel other organisations to disclose their personal contributions to Party politics?

We hold no brief for Labour or any other political Party. But we do feel rather keenly about the purity of British politics and desire that even-handed justice should be maintained.

Let the balance-sheets, the lists of subscriptions to every Party be presented to the public in a fashion perfectly open and above-board. Then the public, which after all is the final appeal, will know exactly how much political opinion in any given section of the community is actually worth.

PIONEERS!

THERE is always somebody who lives before his time. Although nobody would have thought so, the man who complained long years ago that he dared not strip the wallpaper from his room for fear the ceiling would fall in, was one of this class.

Held lightly as a fanciful humorist, he was in reality a solemn prophet. It has been left to the London County Council to make his dream come as near true as makes no matter.

An inspection committee lately visited one of the council's estates. The neat and tidy little houses looked fine from the outside and from the inside too.

But looks are not everything. Members state that when they started prodding the walls their fingers went right through.

A lady, more daring than the rest, had a go at the ceiling with her parasol. It met with no resistance.

An explanation was forthcoming by the chairman of the Housing Committee. Owing to a "shortage of plasterers," choice had to be made between building delay and "substitutes for plaster." Not substitutes for plasterers, mark you, but substitutes for plaster.

Hereby hangs a profound lesson in economics. Should there ever be a shortage of miners, for example, we must not look for more miners. We must burn something that looks like coal, say, black-leaded bricks.

If there is a dearth of bakers it will never do to advertise for more. We shall eat sawdust in quartern loaves.

Meanwhile the L.C.C. substitute plaster is a fine thing for the unemployed to knock their heads against to see if it is all a bad dream.

It won't make their heads any sorer than they are.

The Next Premier

by A. G. GARDINER

MR. BALDWIN is tired—maybe sick, too! And there are some ready to step into his shoes. There is one, too, who will move heaven and earth to claim the mantle; but it will not fit him, and he must never be allowed to wear it

The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister

THERE is considerable talk in political circles as to what the sequel to the Trade Unions Bill will be. Two possibilities are attracting attention.

The first, which owes its significance to a remark that fell from Lord Birkenhead, is that when the Bill is passed the Government will seize the opportunity to go to the country and to challenge the Labour Party to appeal to the electorate to give them the right to organise a general strike by authorising them to cancel the new law which formally forbids the general strike.

That would be an astute move, and, though the intention was promptly disavowed, it cannot be regarded as out of the range of possibility.

I think we may take it that Mr. Baldwin would be opposed to it, but we know that Mr. Baldwin is easily out-manœuvred by his die-hards, who in the end generally get their way.

The golden chance

It is certain that the strategy would appeal to Mr. Churchill and Lord Birkenhead. The Government has only another eighteen months or so to run, and they may well think that so golden a chance of putting Labour on the horns of a dilemma and of snatching a victory may not come again.

They think that an election fought on (1) Are you for or against the general strike? (2) Are you for or against intimidation? could have only one result, that of giving the Government a new lease of power. They are probably right; but electoral calculations often go awry.

Whether this policy of clinching the issue with Labour while it is hot is carried out depends largely upon the second possibility which is being discussed. That is the retirement of Mr. Baldwin from the leadership of his Party.

The main reason for the opinion that this is on the cards is that Mr. Baldwin is plainly a tired man, and that his authority has sunk very low.

Too good for politics

It is a pity, because in spirit and intention there has been no better Prime Minister in our time. He has no touch of partisanship in him, and he has won the respect and even the affection of everyone by his genuineness, his fairness of mind and the atmosphere of good will that he exhales.

But he is a preacher rather than a Parliamentarian. He is, in a sense, too good for the Parliamentary game, is outwitted by the nimbler minds around him, and lacks the driving force necessary to impose his will upon his colleagues.

He cannot but be conscious that the reins are slipping from him to more intrepid hands, and that his place on the box-seat is becoming insecure and a little humiliating, and as he is without vanity or ambition, he may decide to step down.

I should, personally, be sorry if that happened. I am not one of his political supporters; but I think his character and temperament are an asset to our public life. If he stays it will be the difficulties of succession that will keep him.

There would be, I take it, three claimants to the Tory leadership, and upon the choice which is made the well-being of this country would largely depend.

The three, as I suppose every one would agree, are Mr. Churchill, Lord Birkenhead and Sir Austen Chamberlain. The two first-named have been the closest of confederates, in office hours and out, but that fact is not likely to diminish their rivalry for the most "glittering prize" that British statesmanship has to offer.

Lord Birkenhead has told us in his flamboyant way that he has marked the Premiership for his own ever since he was, as a boy, fired by Froude's story of Disraeli and made up his mind to reproduce that great adventurer's career.

Boyish ambition

His gifts are great, somewhat showy and shallow, but perfectly adapted to the political game, and fortified by a gay insolence of bearing that enables him to survive falls that would end the career of more modest or timorous men.

But I do not think he will ever fulfil his boyish ambition to sit where Disraeli sat, for reasons which I need not discuss here, but one of which is enough. He has never been forgiven by his own Party for his *volte-face* on the Irish question, which, however creditable to his intelligence, threw a devastating light on the instability of his attitude towards great problems.

Mr. Churchill is a much more formidable claimant. He is now easily the first Parliamentarian of his time, eloquent alike with tongue and pen, intrepid in action, wilful and masterful in conference, and gifted with prodigious industry and a swift, apprehending intelligence.

He is admired and feared, but he is not trusted, and he neither asks nor wins affection. He triumphs by the sheer impetus of his mind, and is always in the foreground, not because he is invited, but because he cannot be kept out. He is entirely without personal following and is as lonely a figure as ever played a great part in politics. His judgment is as bad as his gifts are eminent. He is capable of running amuck with inconceivable recklessness, for he can see only one thing at a time and is so self-absorbed and autocratic that he is deaf to the counsels of wiser if less brilliant men.

The best choice

As a lieutenant under a strong leader who knows when to put him in the corner he would be invaluable. As the head of a Government he would fill me with panic, for he is only one-third statesman and two-thirds soldier, and at any moment a spasm of militarism might land him in any extravagant adventure.

There remains Sir Austen Chamberlain. He has none of the brilliant parts of the two men I have discussed. His mind moves slowly, even laboriously, and his speech is heavy and uninspired. His manner is formal and portentous, and he is cast by Nature for the part of the heavy father of politics.

But he has great qualities of character and a severe philosophy of public conduct. He may be slow in grasping a problem, but when he has grasped it the probability is that he will have got it by the right end, and you may be sure that he will hold on to it. He has a high sense of public duty, and if he discovers that he has made a mistake he admits it and repairs it.

He is loyal to Parliament and loyal to his colleagues, and his management of the Chinese *imbroglio*, one of the most difficult tasks that a British statesman was ever set, has been a masterpiece of patience, wisdom and, I think, success.

I should be sorry to see Mr. Baldwin leave the centre of the stage, but if he goes I hope—speaking not as a Party man but as an Englishman—that the Conservatives will have the good sense to put so fair and reasonable a man as Sir Austen in his place.

The Saint of

There are still saints on earth! And they are found in the humblest places. Their sacrifice is great, but they have their reward

VISITING day at a hospital always draws a crowd. They come, men and women, anxious but expectant. They go, an hour later, with hope or fear in their eyes—it all depends on what they have seen and heard.

Mr. Philip Inman

As the visitors were leaving the hospital one day, a man roughly pushed his way into the building. It was clear that he was suffering acute mental distress. When he reached the entrance-hall he said abruptly, "Where's the superintendent? I must see him at once." "Have you an appointment?" he was asked. He looked a little dazed. "Appointment?" he repeated. "No! but I've got to see him; I've got to see him *now*."

And that is how I made the acquaintance of Harry Sutton. His clothes were shabby and ill-fitting, his hair was long and untidy, and his face was only noticeable for its deathly pallor. But when he spoke, his speech, though urgent and insistent, was cultured and refined.

"I've come to see you about my child," he said gravely. "I fear she's ill, dangerously ill." And this is the story he told me.

"My little girl will be six next month, and though I've got four other children, she's the baby, and well! you probably know what that means. The trouble started on Monday when she had a bit of a cold. I gave her some cough mixture, but she has gradually got worse. I sat up with her all last night, and, poor little mite, she seemed terribly hot and feverish. I don't like the look of her a bit."

AN expression of fear came into his tired eyes. "Where do you live?" I enquired, and he gave me the address of some buildings leading from Covent Garden Market. When I suggested the child should come into the hospital the fear went from him. "Please," he said appealingly, "she will be better in here, and there will be somebody to look after her."

An hour later the name of Vera Sutton was

Don't Read This!

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

"MANY of the men in these forlorn ranks are quite young. Some have never had employment, and some have lost the habit of employment. They are already a long way down the road of demoralisation and failure."—Mr. George Hall, M.P.

THREE hundred and eighty million pounds is a lot of money. If a man had been put down in front of such a heap of sovereigns at the Armistice and told to count them, he would have just about finished his job now.

He would have been working every minute and every second, day and night, with no time for sleep, meals or rest of any sort, in order to complete his job.

When he had finished he would be able to say: "This is the amount of money that this country has spent since the Armistice on public relief!"

Since this money has come out of your pockets you might as well think of it in an even more striking way.

Every minute since the Armistice we have paid £80 in public relief. Every time you hear the clock tick you can realise that more than £1 has been paid away.

Let me put it in another way still. If the man I have mentioned, instead of being set to count this money, had been set to throw these sovereigns down the drain, he could have thrown them at the rate of one per second, and would just about now have disposed of the last one.

I can hear somebody saying, "But what a wicked waste of money that would have been."

Wicked waste

Well, we have not thrown the money down a drain. We have spent it on public relief, and since we have got nothing whatever for it in return that is just as wicked a waste of money.

In many ways it would perhaps not have been so wasteful to have thrown it down the drain as to spend it in public relief, since not only have we got nothing in return, but we have produced a tremendous mass of demoralisation by our neglect to provide work for those who want work.

For the last six years there have lined up outside the employment exchanges of this country something like one and a quarter million men and women who want work but who cannot find it, men and women to whom we say in effect: "You cannot have a job because we cannot be bothered to think out the means of giving you one."

One million and a quarter people are quite a lot of people. But we do not perhaps realise what a lot it is so long as we do not see them all together.

The hopeless army

When we see thirty or forty men outside an employment exchange, standing in a hopeless and despairing queue waiting to draw the miscalled "dole," few if any of us realise that the queue is merely one of thousands and that the number standing outside other exchanges would total a million and a quarter at least.

Supposing this million and a quarter stretched away from London by the Great North Road in an unbroken line. It would reach to well beyond Edinburgh. Four hundred and fifty unbroken miles of hopeless and despairing humanity!

I think it would do Cabinet Ministers a world of good if the unemployed could be arranged in that line and they, the Cabinet Ministers, could be forced to drive along it from London to beyond Edinburgh and see what unemployment in this country means when it is seen in the mass.

If that could be done there would be less talk and more action, because I do not believe that even a Cabinet Minister could return from that journey without the sight of all that human misery being seared into his very conscience. He would either do something or make way for someone who would.

This is bad enough, but it is by no means all. An unemployed man means, in a majority of cases, hungry women and children. The population of Wales, according to the last census, was 2,657,112. That is just about the number of the unemployed and their dependents in this country.

I wish it were possible to concentrate all the unemployed and their dependents in Wales and make the Cabinet spend a week touring the desolation that would result.

If we could only do that the Cabinet would return to Whitehall grimly resolved to do something, to do it mighty quickly, and to do it mighty efficiently.

The Rt. Hon. Sir A. D. Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labour

Staggering prospect

No human being alive could stand the sight of an entire country populated by workless men and hungry women and children without resolving to have nothing to do with political quibbles in future, and to get on with the job.

Perhaps the most appalling thought of all is that the best and coolest brains in the country are calmly asserting that we must make up our minds to have in our midst for years and years to come a permanent body of unemployed representing from 600,000 to 1,000,000 people.

There could not possibly be a bigger condemnation of the muddled system of society that we have allowed ourselves to drift into than this. There could not be a severer condemnation of the ineffectiveness of the professional politician than this bald statement.

If a big business is going wrong the directors do not call in a professional politician to advise them what they should do. They call in the best business experts on whom they can lay their hands, and something is done very quickly indeed.

It is time we began to look on the nation's business as a business instead of as a playground for rival political factions and a sounding-board for the babbling of political futilities.

What should be done

I do not see what is to stop the Government from appointing a permanent Committee of the best business brains it can find, together with a number of the sanest and most experienced Labour officials, who know this problem of unemployment from painfully close quarters, a Committee whose only job should be to move heaven and earth to devise ways and means of cutting this canker clean out of the nation's life.

Since we are to spend definitely more than £50,000,000 this year in merely keeping willing workers idle, it is surely worth thinking whether something could not be done to avoid this very unnecessary waste of money.

Three years ago Mr. Baldwin said: "It does not matter what profits are made by the middlemen, the bankers and the railway companies as long as you have this mass of unemployed in the country. Unless we can improve the conditions throughout the country the whole edifice will crumble and fall."

So far we have not done it. Surely it is time that the good sense of the nation was mobilised to that one end.

Covent Garden

In Sunshine Ward

by PHILIP INMAN

entered on the official records of patients, and alongside the words "Nature of complaint" had been written that dreaded word "Pneumonia."

HARRY SUTTON had three anxious days and three sleepless nights whilst the fight went on for his child's life. Then came the crisis when, for over two hours, the angel of death hovered around.

But relief was to come to him soon, for when he left the hospital later in the day he knew that the life of his baby girl had been saved. He came twice a day during the three weeks his child was a patient, and he seldom arrived without bringing something for her and for the bairns who lay in the adjoining cots.

One day he was just going away when a neighbour of his came to see his little girl. This woman told me of the skeleton in the cupboard.

"'E's one of Gawd's good men, 'e is. Wish there was more of 'em abarht. Reglar saint 'e is. Ev'ry dye 'e gits up at three an' goes to 'is work in the markit. Nah an' then 'e comes 'ome to see if ev'rythink's orl right, an' wen 'e's finished 'is work 'e cleans up an' keeps the plice like a bloomin' palace, an' yer'd think them kids of 'is belonged to a toff.

"Look at 'er," she said, pointing to our little patient. And I nodded agreement, for that had always been a mystery.

Whilst Harry Sutton seemed half starved and very much down-at-heel, his child was well nourished and beautifully clean. Yet her mother had not been to see her and no reference was ever made to her.

"What about his wife?" I ventured to enquire. "'Is wife?" she repeated. "Why, don't yer know? Ain't 'e told yer? It's just like 'im, never talks abarht 'is troubles."

SHE waited for a minute, then she said confidentially, "'Is wife, pore soul, is in a h'asylum. Bin there five years, she 'as. She were took bad just after this nipper was born, an' they do say as 'ow she'll never come out no more. They wanted to cart some of 'is kids to one of these 'ere orphinages, but, bless yer, 'e wouldn't let 'em go. 'E said they'd 'ave to tike 'im as well."

And with a "Good-bye, dear, yer'll soon be 'ome agyne nah," Harry Sutton's neighbour went on her way. But her story of a man's wonderful love for his motherless children will long linger as a fragrant memory.

MR. JUSTICE KRUSCHEN IN THE HYGIENE COURT OF JUSTICE

"You have no right to be ill!"

Mr. Justice Kruschen (addressing the prisoner): "Plant these words firmly in your mind. They were the words of a very great surgeon, uttered in an address to business and professional women in London recently."

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THE FOUR JUST MEN AGAIN

The Third

ONCE swift death followed the threats of the Just Men and the whole world of secret law-breakers trembled at the sound of their names. Now Scotland Yard gives them police protection—to the complete discomfiture of rogues and crooks

LEON GONSALEZ, like the famous scientist, had an unholy knack of collecting coincidences. He had, too, strange faiths, and believed that if a man saw a pink cow with one horn in the morning, he must, by the common workings of a certain mystic law, meet another pink cow with one horn later in the day.

"Coincidences, my dear George," he said, "are inevitabilities—not accidents."

Manfred murmured something in reply—he was studying the dossier of one William Yape, of whom something may be told at a later period.

"Now, here is a coincidence." Leon was in no sense abashed, for it was after dinner, the hour of the day when he was most confident. "This morning I took the car for a run to Windsor—she was a trifle sticky yesterday—and at Langley what did I find? A gentleman sitting before an inn, very drunk.

"He was, I imagined, an agricultural labourer in his best Sunday suit, and it was remarkable that he wore a diamond ring worth five hundred pounds. He had, he told me, been to Canada, and had stayed at the Château Fronteuse—which is a posh hotel."

Poiccart was interested. "And the coincidence?"

"If George will listen." Manfred looked up with a groan. "Thank you. Hardly had I begun questioning this inebriated son of the soil, when a Rolls drove up, and there stepped down a rather nice-looking gentleman who also wore a diamond ring on his little finger."

"Sensation," said George Manfred, and went back to his dossier.

"I shall be offended if you do not listen. Imagine the agriculturist suddenly jumping to his feet as if he had seen a ghost. 'Ambrose!' he gasped. I tell you his face was the colour of milk.

"Ambrose—if he will pardon the liberty—could not have heard him, and passed into the inn. The labourer went stumbling away (it is remarkable that one's head sobers so much more quickly than one's legs) as though the devil was after him.

"I went into the inn and found Ambrose drinking tea—a man who drinks tea at eleven o'clock in the morning has lived either in South Africa or Australia. It proved to be South Africa. An alluvial diamond digger, an ex-soldier and a most gentlemanly person, though not very communicative.

"After he had gone I went in search of the labourer—overtook him as he entered a most flamboyant villa."

"Which, with your peculiar disregard for the sacredness of the Englishman's home, you entered."

Leon nodded. "Truth is in you," he said. "Imagine, my dear George, a suburban villa so filled with useless furniture that you could hardly find a place to sit. Satin-covered settees, pseudo-Chinese cabinets, whatnots and wherefores crowding space.

"Ridiculous oil paintings (painted by the yard) in heavy gold frames, simpering enlargements of photographs covering hideous wallpaper—and two ladies, expensively dressed and bediamonded, but without an 'h' between them; common as the dirt on my boots, shrill, ugly, coarse.

"As I entered the hall on the trail of the labourer I heard him say: 'He wasn't killed—he's back,' and a woman say, 'O my God!' And then the second woman said: 'He must be killed—it was in the list on New Year's Day!'—after which I was so busy explaining my presence that further enlightment was out of the question."

George Manfred had tied his dossier neatly with a strip of red ribbon, and now he leaned back in his chair.

"You took the number of the Ambrose car, of course?"

Leon nodded.

"And he wore a diamond ring?"

"A lady's—it was on his little finger. A not very magnificent affair. It was the sort of dress-ring that a girl would wear."

Poiccart chuckled. "Now we sit down and wait for the third coincidence," he said. "It is inevitable."

A few minutes later, Leon was on his way to Fleet Street, for he was a man whose curiosity was insatiable. For two hours in the office of a friendly newspaper, he pored over the casualty lists that were published on four New Year's Days, looking for a soldier whose first name was "Ambrose."

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"THE Three Just Men," said the Assistant Commissioner cheerfully, "are now so eminently respectable that we give them police protection."

You must allow for the fact that this was after dinner, when even an Assistant Commissioner grows a little expansive, especially when he is host in his nice house in Belgravia. You must also allow for the more interesting fact that one of the famous organisation had been seen outside of Colonel Yenford's house that very night.

"They are queer devils—why they should be watching this place beats me—if I had known I should have asked the fellow in!"

Lady Irene Belvinne waved her long ostrich fan languidly: she seemed scarcely interested in the Three Just Men. Yet every word Colonel Yenford spoke was eagerly stored in her memory.

A beautiful woman of thirty-five, the widow of a man who had held Cabinet rank, she might claim to be especially favoured. She had been the wife of a many-times millionaire who had left her his entire fortune; she had the lineless face and serene poise of one who had never known care.

"I don't exactly know what they do?" Her voice was a soft drawl. "Are they detectives? Of course, I know what they *were*."

Who did not know what that ruthless trio were in the days when every hand was against them? when swift death followed their threat, when a whole world of secret lawbreakers trembled at their names?

"They're tame enough now," said somebody. "They wouldn't have played their monkey tricks to-day, eh, Yenford?"

Colonel Yenford was not so confident.

"It is queer," mused Irene. "I did not think of them."

She was so wholly absorbed in her thoughts that she did not realise she was speaking aloud.

Coincidence

by Edgar Wallace

". . . jumping to his feet as if he had seen a ghost, Ambrose! he cried."

"Why on earth should you think about them?" demanded Yenford, a little astonished.

She started at this, and changed the subject.

IT was past midnight when she reached her beautiful flat in Piccadilly, and all the servants except her maid had gone to bed. At the sound of a key turning in the lock the maid came flying into the hall, and with a sinking of heart Irene Belvinne knew that something was wrong.

"She's been waiting since nine, m'lady," said the girl in a low voice.

Irene nodded. "Where is she?" she asked.

"I put her in the study, miss."

Handing her cloak to the maid, the woman walked up the broad passage, opened a door and entered the library. The woman who had been sitting on the hide-covered settee rose awkwardly at the sight of the radiant woman who entered.

The visitor was poorly dressed, had a long, not too clean face, and a mouth that drooped pathetically. She looked up slyly from under her lowered lids, and though her tone was humble it also held a suggestion of menace.

"He's terribly bad again to-night, m'lady," she said. "We had all our work cut out to keep him in bed. He wanted to come here, he said, him being delirious. The doctor says that we ought to get him away to—" Her eyes rose quickly and fell again—"South Africa."

"It was Canada last time," said Irene steadily. "That was rather an expensive trip, Mrs. Dennis."

The woman mumbled something, rubbed her hands still more nervously. "I'm sure I'm worried to death about the whole business, me being his aunt, and I'm sure I can't afford no five thousand pounds to take him to South Africa——"

Five thousand pounds! Irene was aghast at the demand. The Canadian trip had cost three thousand, but the original request was for one.

"I should like to see him myself," she said with sudden determination.

Again that swift, sly look. "I wouldn't let you come and see him, me lady, unless you brought a gentleman. I'd say your 'usband, but I know he's no more—I wouldn't take the responsibility, I wouldn't, indeed.

"That's why I never tell your where we're living, in case you was tempted, me lady. He'd think no more of cutting your throat than he would of looking at you!"

A little smile of contempt hardened the beautiful face. "I am not so sure that really terrifies me," said Irene quietly. "You want five thousand pounds—when do you sail?"

"Next Saturday, me lady," said the woman eagerly. "And Jim says you was to pay the money in notes."

Irene nodded. "Very well," she said. "But you mustn't come here again unless I send for you."

"Where shall I get the money, me lady?"

"Here, at twelve o'clock to-morrow. And won't you please make yourself a little more presentable when you call?"

The woman grinned. "I ain't got your looks or your clothes, me lady," she sneered. "Every penny piece I earn goes on poor Jim, a trying to save his life, which, if he had his rights, he'd have millions."

Irene walked to the door and opened it, waited in the passage until the maid had shut out the unwholesome visitor. "Open the windows and air the room," said Irene.

She went upstairs and sat down before her dressing-table, eyeing her reflection thoughtfully.

Then, of a sudden, she lifted the little doll-shaped cover of the telephone, pulled the instrument towards her, and had half raised the hook when she realised she did not know the number.

A SEARCH of the book gave her the information she wanted. The Tri-angle Detective Agency had its headquarters in Curzon Street. But they would be in bed by now, she thought; and even if the members of this extraordinary confederation were not, would they be likely to interest themselves at this late hour?

She had hardly given the number before she was through. She heard the rattle of the receiver as it was raised, and the distinctive tinkle of a guitar; then an eager voice asked her who she was.

"Lady Irene Belvinne," she said. "You don't know me, but——"

"I know you very well, Lady Irene." She could almost detect the unknown smiling as he answered. "You dined at Colonel Yenford's to-night, and left the house at twelve minutes to twelve. You told your chauffeur to go back by way of Hyde Park. . . ."

The guitar had ceased. She heard a distant voice say: "Listen to Leon: he's being all Sherlock Holmesish." And then a laugh. She smiled in sympathy.

"Do you want to see me?" This was Leon Gonsalez speaking, then—

"When can I?" she asked.

"Now. I'll come right away, if you are in any very serious trouble—I have an idea that you are."

She hesitated. An immediate decision was called for, and she set her teeth. "Very well. Will you come? I will wait up for you."

In her nervousness she dropped the receiver down while he was answering her.

FIVE minutes later the maid admitted a slim, good-looking man. He was in evening-dress, and was strangely like a Chancery barrister she knew. On her part the greeting was awkward, for the interval had been too short for her to make up her mind what she should tell him, and how she should begin.

It was in the library, tainted, to her sensitive nostrils, with her late frowsy visitor, that she made her confession, and he listened with an expressionless face.

". . . I was very young—that is my only excuse; and he was a very handsome, very attractive young man . . . and a chauffeur isn't a servant. . . . I mean, one can be quite good friends with him, as one couldn't be with—well, with other servants."

He nodded.

"It was an act of lunacy and nasty, and everything you can say. When my father sent him away I thought my heart would break."

"Your father knew?" asked Gonsalez gravely.

She shook her head. "No. Father was rather quick-tempered, and he bullied Jim for some fault that was not his—that was the end of it.

"I had one letter—just before the war. I heard no more until two or three years after I was married, and then I got a letter from this woman, saying that her nephew was consumptive, and she knew what—what good friends we had been."

To her surprise her visitor was smiling, and at first she was hurt.

"You have told me only what I

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The Third Coincidence *Continued*

have guessed," he said, to her amazement.

"You guessed . . . but you did not know——"

He interrupted her brusquely. "Was your second marriage happy, Lady Irene? I am not being impertinent."

She hesitated. "It was quite happy. My husband was nearly thirty years older than I—why do you ask?"

Leon smiled again. "I am a sentimentalist—which is a shocking confession for one who boasts of his scientific mind. I am a devourer of love stories, both in fiction and in life. This Jim was not unpleasant?"

She shook her head. "No," she said, and added simply: "I loved him—I love him still That is the ghastly part of it. It is dreadul to think of him lying ill with this dreadful aunt looking after him——"

"Landlady," broke in Leon calmly. "He had no relations."

She was on her feet now, staring at him. "What do you know?"

He had a gesture which was almost mesmeric in its calming effect. "I went to Colonel Yenford's house to-night. I happened to learn that you were his guest, and I wanted to see your mouth. I'm sorry if I am being mysterious, but I judge women by their mouths—the test is infallible. That is why I knew the hour you left."

Irene Bellvinne was frowning at him. "I don't understand, Mr. Gonsalez," she began. "What has my mouth to do with the matter?"

He nodded slowly. "If you had a certain type of mouth I should not have been interested—as it is . . ."

She waited, and presently he spoke. "You will find James Ambrose Clynes in his suite at the Piccadilly Hotel. The dress-ring you gave him is on his little finger, and your photograph is the only one in his room."

He put out his hand and steadied her as, white and shaking, she sank into a chair

"He's a very rich man and a very nice man . . . and a very stupid man, or he would have come to see you."

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A CAR drew up before an ornate villa, in the village of Langley, and a poorly-dressed woman got down. The door was opened by a thick-set man and the two passed into the over-furnished parlour. On the face of Mrs. Dennis was a smile of satisfaction.

"If I don't come in the police will."

"It's all right—she'll part," he said, throwing off her old cloak.

The coarse-looking man with the diamond ring turned to his other sister. "As soon as we get the money it's Canada for us," he said ominously. "I won't have another fright like I had on Tuesday—why were you so late, Maria?"

"A tyre burst on the Great West Road," she said, rubbing her hands at the fire. "What are you worrying about, Saul? We've done nothing. It ain't as though we ever threatened her. That'd be crime. Just asked her to help a poor feller who is ill, that ain't crime."

They discussed the pros and cons of this for nearly an hour. Then came the knock at the door.

It was the man who went out to interview the visitor.

"If I don't come in," said Leon Gonsalez pleasantly, "the police will. There will be a warrant issued to-morrow morning, and you will be held on a charge of conspiring to defraud."

A few seconds later he was questioning a trembling audience.

POICCART and George Manfred were waiting up for him when he returned in the early hours of the morning.

"Rather an unique case," said Leon glancing through his notes. "Our Ambrose, a well-educated man, had a love affair with the Earl of Carslake's daughter. He loses his job—because he loves the girl he decides not to communicate with her.

"The war breaks out, he goes into the Army. Before the battle of Neuve Chapelle he writes to his landlady, asks her to take out a sealed envelope full of letters from Irene and burn them.

"By the time she gets these instructions, Ambrose is reported killed. The landlady, Mrs. Dennis, with the inquisitiveness of her class, opens the envelope and learns enough to be able to blackmail this unfortunate girl.

"But Ambrose isn't dead—he is discharged from the Army on account of wounds, and, accepting the invitation of a South African soldier, goes to the Cape, where he makes good.

"In the meantime the Dennises wax rich. They pretend that 'Jim,' as they called him, is desperately ill, trusting that Irene has not heard of his death. By this means, and on the threat of telling her husband, they extract nearly twenty thousand pounds."

"What shall we do to them?" asked Poiccart.

Leon smiled and reached down for the little bag he had brought back with him. Lifting this to the table, he opened it and extracted a variety of articles.

"All their jewellery," he said, "is in my pocket. I have a receipt for the sale of house, furniture and motor-cars, plus a cheque for the balance of the money they have in the Midland and Counties Bank."

"What did you give in exchange?" asked the astonished Manfred.

"Three steerage passages to Canada and sixty pounds cash," smiled Leon. "Do you know your Lowell?

'There is always work
And tools to work withal for those who will,
And blessed are the horny hands of toil.'

"And a little honest work will do 'em good. Better in Canada than Dartmoor!"

Next week the Four Just Men tell how they scored over Scotland Yard in solving London's most sensational taxi-cab murder.

The Sentence of the Court

THE WRATHBLOWERS' ANTHEM

Oliver Asks for Gore

COMMANDER OLIVER LOCKER-LAMPSON, M.P., C.M.G., D.S.O., pleaded "Not guilty" to charges of unseasonable silliness and mutiny on the high C's, in a voice rendered hoarse by much singing.

"Perhaps if the accused had stuck close to somebody's quarterdeck, instead of going 'all to sea' in politics, he might have worn a cocked-hat in the King's Navee," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C. "But he certainly would not have been permitted to talk through it the way he does through his civilian headgear.

"Probably, however, he does not regret his choice of dry land and dry oratory, for he would never have obtained as much limelight as a member of the blue-water school as he has secured as Lord High Cockalorum of the Red Terror kindergarten.

"When I hear this agitated ex-sea dog barking against the 'Reds' (and metaphorically, barking his shins against the logic of hard facts) I always wish that he had been born a Rooshan, a Turk or else a Prooshan, so that he could perform his grotesque antics in some other country.

"Any member of the jury with a soul for poetry or an ear for music will, I think, agree that the Red menace is negligible in this country and is less harrowing than the anti-Red battle-song (or prattle-song) which our 'Hands Off Britain' comedians are trying to popularise at the expense of the more inspiring Frothblowers' Anthem.

"Fired, apparently, by the popularity of 'Whistle Away the Blues,' Locker-Lampson and Co. have hired a tame rhymster to frighten away the 'Reds.' Personally, I can only express the view that they seem quite capable of supplying any quantity of gas with or without the aid of this somewhat rusty 'metre.'"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that the song "On Guard," which his learned friend had chosen to mention in the same breath with a vulgar drinking ditty, called upon all patriots to "Rise up with the strength of your birth" and to be "On Guard for home, throne and altar." Persons who could sneer at such sentiments would not be above waxing facetious at the expense of a Lord Mayor.

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"The jury should be grateful to counsel for not reciting, or, worse still, singing this Gnashonal Anthem," said Mr. Justice Bull. "A stern sense of duty has compelled me to study it, and I can only say that, much as I dislike the Bolshies, I would not willingly call upon them to 'face the music.'

"Bernard Shaw has compared that dismal ditty, 'The Red Flag,' to the Funeral March of a Fried Eel, and I can only liken 'On Guard' to the War Whoop of an Infuriated Kipper.

"Locker-Lampson and his giddy goose-steppers may or may not want to fight, but, by Jingo! if they do, they've got the lungs, they've got the tune and they've got the doggerel, too.

"Sensible citizens will, I think, approve my sentence that 'On Guard' be burned by the common hangman and the prisoner gagged in the common interest."

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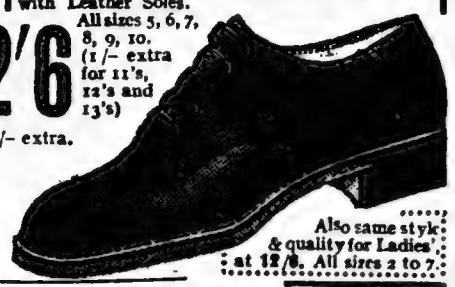

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COMPANY MEETING.

Edward Lloyd, Limited.

Continued Development.

The 37th ordinary general meeting of Edward Lloyd, Ltd., was held on May 12th, at the head office of the company, 4-7, Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, E.C.4. Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Garwood, D.S.O., in the absence of Mr. Frank Lloyd, the chairman and governing director, presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. T. Gerald Denson) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—

I am sure that the first feeling of us all to-day will be one of regret at the absence of our Governing Director and sympathy with him in his serious illness.

The Accounts.

Turning to the accounts for last year, you will notice there has been a drop in profit of £55,550 19s. 2d. This was due to the general strike and coal dispute, which affected us in common with all other manufacturing firms. We can but believe that it will not be possible for such conditions to recur in future years. The loss sustained was, perhaps, exceptionally heavy owing to our determination to keep our customers fully supplied, and without additional cost to themselves.

During the year under review we were carrying a heavy overdraft against the security of our Government Bonds. This was arranged pending the issue of fresh capital. This issue has since been made and the result, which is well known to you, shows a very high mark of confidence in our firm on the part of the financial houses and the general public. The only other items in the balance-sheet which may call for remark are stocks and book debts, which show an increase of £53,056 19s. 9d., and creditors, credit balances and bills payable an increase of £59,380 3s. 2d. There was a small increase on the value of our investments of £737 11s. 8d., and the cash on hand at £75,632 19s. 11d. is less by £5,886 19s. 9d.

New Extensions.

The item of capital expenditure, which shows a total for the year of £316,916 13s. 11d., deserves special attention. This sum has been mainly spent towards a new power house and an extension of our present paper mill at Kemsley. This extension has been planned on the most up-to-date lines and your directors have every confidence that this new plant will run at an efficiency which has not been equalled by any similar plant in the world. This plant should be in operation in July next, and we should feel the effect of its working during the latter half of this year.

The total sum expended on extensions during the past four years amounts to £1,659,650, and it was only the unfortunate industrial conditions prevailing last year which prevented us from reaping the benefit we might reasonably have expected from this large outlay. It is, however, undoubtedly due to our policy of having the most up-to-date machinery that we can record such a satisfactory year, taking into consideration the very adverse circumstances which we had to meet.

Present Prospects.

With regard to our present prospects we are now facing an over-production of newsprint which has reduced prices considerably during the current year. This condition is, in our opinion, purely a temporary one, as the heavy yearly increase in the consumption of paper, especially in America, should quickly absorb the present surplus. During this temporary slump, owing to our long-standing policy of spending large sums on maintaining the high standard of our plant, we have no need to fear any competition from whatever source.

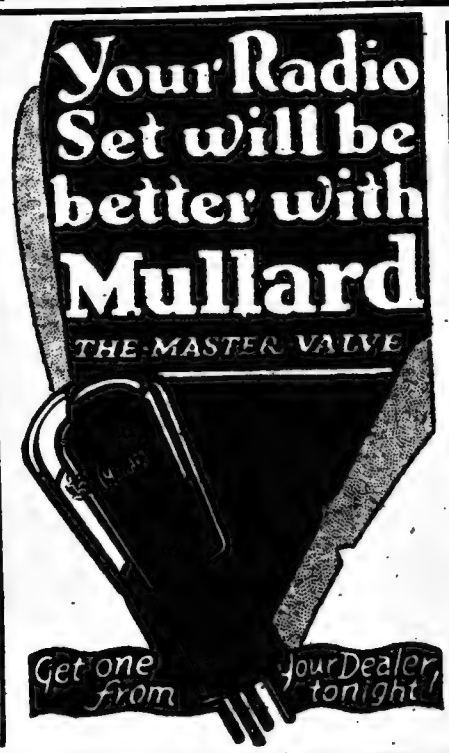
Thanks to Management and Employees.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our management, our staff, and all our employees for the energy and determination with which they overcame the difficulties of the past year. In spite of the trying months which we went through I am happy to say that the relations existing between our management and the employees have never been more satisfactory, and they are, if I may say so, more united and more determined than ever to maintain the reputation of our firm.

Mr. Harry Lloyd seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted, and a final dividend of 1s. 3d. per share (free of income tax) was declared on the Ordinary shares, making with the interim dividend already paid 10 per cent. for the year 1926. The sum of £10,000 was also placed to pension account.

The retiring directors, Mr. Harry Lloyd and Mr. Francis Nevill Lloyd, were re-elected, and Messrs. Turquand Youngs and Co. were reappointed auditors.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, directors and staff.



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FEW laws can have been responsible for a greater sum of human misery than the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913. The professed aim of this measure is to provide for persons who are "mentally defective" or "weakminded," though not insane, helpful and humane treatment on up-to-date scientific lines.

An admirably thoughtful provision of a benevolent Government!

There are three principal ways in which the Act may disclose its mercies to darkened minds.

If a person accused of crime is found to be "mentally defective," the court may order his or her detention in a suitable institution, in lieu of imprisonment or any other punishment prescribed by law.

If a person becoming chargeable to the Poor Law is certified as of weak intellect, the authorities may transfer such person to a recognised institution for the care of the mentally defective.

Inhuman treatment

With the written consent of his or her parents or guardians, a mentally defective person under the age of sixteen years may be removed to an institution for the care and treatment of the feeble-minded.

An order for "detention in a suitable institution" may cover all kinds of black abominations. Under the Mental Deficiency Act it too often means that a person, very little, if at all, removed from the normal in intellect, is imprisoned indefinitely in a retreat which is a cross between an asylum and a jail.

After five years in a Poor Law orphanage, a sixteen-year-old boy was "boarded out" with a Shropshire farmer, who proceeded to make his life a hellish misery.

Because one morning he was late in getting up, he was savagely beaten, the farmer, who pleaded breakfast-time drunkenness as an excuse, being heavily fined at the local police-court.

This inhuman treatment seems temporarily to have scattered the poor lad's wits, as was not surprising, although probably a few months' rest and kindness would have re-established his mental health.

Instead, he was reclaimed by the Poor Law authorities, who at once placed him in the Moneyhull Institution for Mental Defectives.

Ten wasted years

This was just before the Great War. Very soon the lad recovered, and confided to his elder brother his aching desire for freedom and a chance to "make good" in the outside world. The authorities were deaf to all appeals for his release.

In 1917 the captive broke free, and joined the Army, being graded A1. His "escape" being reported, the Poor Law officials claimed him out and shut him up again.

So matters continued till 1919, when the elder brother, being demobilised, was able to offer the lad the security of a home.

Once again his appeals were treated with entire indifference, and it was only a few months ago, after more than ten years' detention, that the patient at last obtained his freedom.

Ten priceless, irreplaceable years of youth, wasted in helpless captivity, because, under the blows of a brutal ruffian, a sixteen-year-old boy appeared confused in mind!

The latest news is that this young man is already earning a competent livelihood.

Upon conviction for a petty offence, a seventeen-year-old youth, living on

Mr. G. K. Chesterton, who, before the Mental Deficiency Act was passed, pointed out the dangers that lurked in it

the south coast, was certified for detention on the ground that he had "a childish mind."

Soulless and heartless

The boy had a good mother, whose one anxiety was that she should be able to keep in touch with him, and at the earliest possible moment have him back under her own care.

Yet the callous authorities, who were well acquainted with the domestic circumstances, sent the boy away to an institution in Lancashire, three hundred miles from his home, where his mother, a poor woman, could visit him only once in four years.

This kind of soulless inhumanity is a common feature of the administration of the Mental Deficiency Act.

A fifteen-year-old Yorkshire girl, who had suffered from epilepsy, was accepted as a voluntary patient, the parents never for an instant imagining that they would lose sight of their child.

After a few weeks, they learned that she had become an inmate of a mental home in the extreme south of England, where it would be quite impossible for them to visit her more than once a year.

Through the action of many Poor Law authorities moral deficiencies, as well as mental defects, are brought within the scope of the Act.

The parents' shock

A girl with an illegitimate baby, becoming chargeable to the rates, stands always in the greatest danger of being treated as a partial lunatic, and shut up for an indefinite period in an institution.

The fact that she has been unable "to take care of herself" is regarded as evidence of feebleness of mind.

The parents of a girl in an eastern village, where troops were largely billeted during the war, thought it would be no bad thing if she could pass the impressionable years in a less exciting situation.

Their wish was that she should be trained as a domestic servant, and, since she was deemed "unable to take care of herself," the Mental Deficiency Act papers were signed with this understanding.

She was then in her teens, and, from the first day of her detention under the Act, seems to have been treated as an acknowledged moral pervert.

Shocked to learn that their daughter was, for all essential purposes, considered "mad," the parents applied for her discharge, which was refused, the explanation offered being, not that her sanity was in question, but that, if given her liberty, she might "get into trouble."

Finally, after a great deal of bother and the personal intervention of a member of the board of guardians interested in the case, she was released on a conditional licence.

She was never to be outdoors after 5 p.m. without a chaperon; never to go out in the daytime except upon a definite errand; and never, in any circumstances, to meet men or boys in her own home or anywhere else.

Liberty in danger

As was to be expected, these harsh and unreasonable stipulations were not always literally observed, with the result that, after a few weeks of liberty, she was arrested and conveyed back to the institution, where she is still detained.

Another girl, removed under a magistrates' order to the Starcross Institution, was sent out to a domestic situation, no intimation whatever being given to the parents.

Finding their letters to her returned, they made independent enquiries, but for which they might have remained permanently in ignorance of their daughter's address.

We have no hesitation in saying that an Act of Parliament under which such outrages are possible is a disgrace to the Statute Book.

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The Derby

By DONOGHUE

Steve Donoghue.

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These questions Donoghue will answer himself in a long, intensely interesting and informative article which he is writing exclusively for the "Sunday Express" for Sunday, May 29th.

This is the article for which all the racing public are waiting.

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Great Trainer on the Derby

Mr. P. P. Gilpin.

Mr. P. P. Gilpin, who trained two celebrated Derby winners, Spearmint and Spion Kop, and also trains Cresta Run, winner of this year's 1,000 Guineas, has written a long and illuminating article on this year's Derby specially for the "Sunday Express."

The information given by Mr. P. P. Gilpin—the Wizard of Clarehaven—on the probable result of this year's Epsom Classic, will be invaluable to every follower of racing.

Mr. Gilpin's article appears next Sunday, and Donoghue's article follows on May 29th.

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Words Winged to Women

MOTHER IN THE BOX

by **MABEL HORNER**

"IT is perfectly absurd and most discreditable," says a well-known mental specialist, "that in a civilised country, when a person is suffering from sleepy sickness, the only way of dealing with him if he shows criminal tendencies is sending him to prison"

IN one of our great public parks, strolling along a flower-bordered pathway, a young mother was leading a child, only just able to walk, by the hand. The toddler looked healthy. It was golden-curled, blue-eyed and clear-skinned. But it was not happy. It was painfully peevish and cross.

It refused to "look at the pretty flowers." It found no interest in "the mother duck teaching little baby ducks to swim" on the ornamental water. It hung back, whimpered, and finally losing its baby self-control, turned to its mother and beat at her with impotent, dimpled fists.

She turned red. Telling it she would "teach it to show off its tantrums in public," she snatched it up and took her revenge in a series of hearty smacks.

Quietness having been presently restored by this rough-and-ready method of intimidation, a sponge-cake was produced, and baby, snatching with a gurgle at the food, proceeded to cram it into its mouth with both hands.

This had been the whole trouble. Fresh air and exercise had made the mite hungry. It could not talk. A show of "temper" was the only means it knew of trying to make mother understand.

Lop-sided progress

Happily, most parents to-day recognise that if a baby is persistently cross and difficult to amuse that something is wrong. They look for the cause.

In the schools punishment is not regarded as a pill to cure children who are obviously sick. Medical inspection, the clinic and the nurse have altered all that. The principle of cure, not revenge, is at work.

Now it is time that the law, having recognised this principle in the schools, should also extend its operation to the police courts. Progress appears to move in a lop-sided fashion or it would have done this long ago and made impossible such painful cases as have recently disgraced our humanity.

Mr. Crompton Wood, M.P., whose Mental Deficiency Bill is worthy of whole-hearted support

Take, for instance, the affair of little Willie Gallagher, aged ten, a boy so small that when he appeared in the Crown Court at Leeds Assizes his head could scarcely be seen above the dock rail. He pleaded guilty to stealing eggs and other really grave offences.

Climbing through a window at the Corporation Baths, in Bradford, Willie turned on the gas and electric light and set fire to some towels, starting a fire that did £275 worth of damage.

Willie's parents do not neglect him, but his home surroundings are poor and dirty and he "has a bad influence" on other children. This is being set right by committing him to an industrial school until he reaches the age of sixteen.

But what of the effect upon Willie? In all probability he will feel a regular little bravado and will, through association with the criminal law, be turned into a wrong-doer for the rest of his life.

Even worse is the fact that persons older than Willie are being made into criminals even when it is recognised that they are terribly ill and sick.

Such a one is Victor Bruce Roberts, a young fellow of twenty-one, whose mother at Old Bailey described how his criminal tendencies were all the result of a bad attack of sleepy sickness. After "recovery" he became irresponsible and broke into houses at Reigate.

The cry of a mother

The offence was not denied, but the hearts of all women should go out to his mother, Mrs. Roberts, when she pleaded in his behalf, "Do not treat him as a criminal, but send him to an institution for the afflicted. The peculiarity of his disease is that it can turn an honest person into a criminal.

"You or I might be standing where my son is in a few months if you had sleepy sickness. Cannot you postpone sentence and communicate with the Home Office expressing your abhorrence of the law as it now stands?"

The Court was moved with compassion, but sentence was not postponed. Roberts goes to prison as a criminal, marked for life, simply because the law does not permit any judge taking the course his mother nobly advocates.

The danger waits for any mother's child who may suffer a similar lapse. That is why strong public support must be given to the Mental Deficiency Bill now before Parliament. That Bill gives wide powers to justices to discriminate.

But its weakness lies in its not being a Government measure. And the only way to get a private Member's Bill passed into law and on to the Statute Book is for it to have a big enough weight of public opinion behind it.

Fairy Tales for Mary

by **MISS JESSIE STEPHEN** *(Gen. Sec., Domestic and Hotel Workers' Union)*

CONSIDERABLE propaganda has been put over in Great Britain with reference to domestic service conditions in Canada. We have been led to believe that no girl need put up with a bad place when she could earn high wages and enjoy a better status in the newer country.

Miss Jessie Stephen

Thus thousands of old country girls have been lured abroad during a number of years past. If they fell for the bait how can we blame them?

Were they not told that most servants are treated as one of the family, that there is no snobbish distinction such as one finds in Britain? Was it not said that there was a big demand for maids on terms they could almost make for themselves? What are the facts?

I have just had the privilege of speaking at an inaugural meeting of a trade union for domestic servants in Vancouver and heard some illuminating statements from many of the girls there.

Judging from the reports, the market is overstocked at the moment. In this city, now and for some time past, domestic servants have been compelled to suffer all sorts of abuses because there is no shortage of domestic help and unemployment is rife in other occupations.

Not only have the girls to rise early in the morning, but, in some instances, they are forced to remain up until the early hours of the following morning so that they may be available to provide a meal for their mistresses who have been gadding about or gambling at some roadhouse or night-club.

AS if this were not enough in itself, some male bounder in the family will force his bestial attentions upon the lonely, friendless girl, so that large numbers of domestic servants find their way to the Salvation Army hospital to bear their illegitimate children.

Servants can be obtained for as little as $15 a month, which means that they are much worse off than if they had stayed at home, for out of this they have to pay their fare and buy clothes, which are two or three times as dear as they are in Britain.

Factory girls who have been inveigled into trying their luck in Canada as domestic servants are in a worse plight than the experienced maid, for there are mistresses who do not think twice about dismissing a girl when they find her experience is not so much as they require in a servant employed by them.

Yet these girls have been told that it did not matter about experience so long as they were willing to learn.

IMAGINE the plight of such a girl thousands of miles away from home and without any chance of raising sufficient cash to return to Britain! Is it any wonder that numbers of them find their way into the ranks of the oldest profession?

As for the suggestion that girls in Canada are treated like members of the family, I am convinced that this is a fairy tale for gullible women and girls. The Canadian mistress, speaking generally, wants servility, not civility, requires her maids to work long hours to as great an extent as in Britain, if not more so, and will brook no spirit of independence.

Many of the girls I met would gladly come back to England if they could save enough to pay their passage-money.

Canada may be an El Dorado for others, and of this I have doubts, but it certainly has not proved this for domestic servants. It is really time the bubble was pricked.

AN EXPLANATION

by The Advertisement Manager of "JOHN BULL."

In the May 7th issue of "John Bull," the proprietors of Nonn offered 10,000 full-sized 3/- bottles of their nerve remedy. This offer also appeared in four London dailies.

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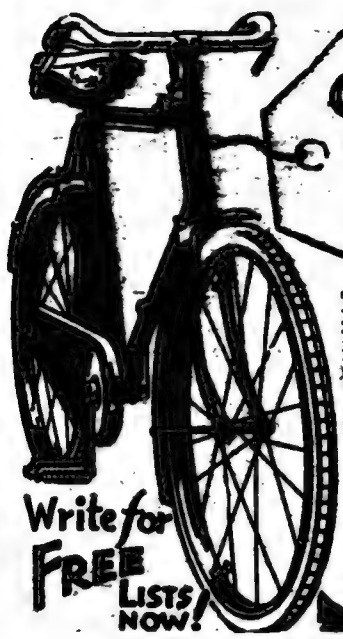

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"DURING the trouble in the coal industry last year, a friend of mine who was using her talents to help the miners' families met a man who proved to be an evil spirit.

"For some time previously, she and her husband had been drifting apart, and she felt sorely in need of sympathy. This man seemed to supply her need, and after a while he persuaded her to leave home, husband and children and go away with him.

"There was a rude awakening from her dreams of happiness. When miles away from relations and friends, she found that this man in whom she had put her trust had deceived her regarding his financial position and expected her to keep him.

"When he had spent the last of her money and he demanded that she should obtain more, she ordered him out of her sight and sent a penitent letter to her husband, who willingly forgave her and took her back home.

"Here her punishment began. For months now, this woman has done her duty to her home, husband and children, but neighbours and others sneer whenever they meet her and her little ones, and it is even painful for her to have dealings with the local tradespeople.

"Her husband is more to her now, and she is more to him than ever they were before, because they have known sorrow, but the attitude of other people, some of whom live in very frail glass houses themselves, is to her rather proud nature becoming unbearable.

"Can you give her a word of comfort and advice to help her to face the future among people who are making her life intolerable and answer the old question, 'Why must the woman always pay?'"

"HUMANIST" says: *Why not? Let us clear our minds of cant and false sentiment. No circumstances can palliate the desertion of her helpless little children. If that offence is not deserving of punishment, I know of none that is. Her proud nature may rebel at the sneers of neighbours, but her pride should be in the possession of a husband whose love is strong enough to forgive. When she realises the enormity of her offence, she may find happiness in atonement by making herself worthy of such love.*

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"A Workhouse Brat"

"I WRITE on behalf of a young girl who is very unhappy. She was adopted as an infant by a childless couple and after leaving school she assisted them in their business. She took such a keen interest in her work that the business improved greatly in recent years, and her foster-parents made enough money to be able to buy a lot of house property.

"They are now about to sell it and retire into private life, and the girl's trouble is the complete lack of gratitude shown by her foster-parents for all the help she has given them in the past, without which they would probably not be in the comfortable position which they now enjoy, and her fears of what her life may be in the future.

"Their treatment of her is almost incredibly cruel. It is not so much a matter of physical torture, though they are wearing out her body by making her drudge from morning to night, but of mental suffering by continually forcing upon her the realisation of the unfortunate circumstances of her birth and her complete dependence upon them.

"She has never been allowed to make friends. When she has finished with the business she is made to do all the housework in the home and look after the garden and poultry.

"If she asks to go to the pictures once in a while with the shilling a week which is all the pay she receives, she is curtly refused and called a workhouse brat and a nameless child of a wicked woman.

"They tell her they have complete control of her, and if she tried to leave them they would have her brought back.

"She is nearly twenty-one years of age and is quite capable of managing a business, but she is pining for an opportunity of earning her own living, and I am afraid the treatment she is receiving will lead to a complete breakdown."

"HUMANIST" says: *I am afraid the sad story is that of many unfortunate girls who are adopted for selfish ends. Her callous foster-parents have little or no legal control over her at her age, however, and I should think the sooner she gets away from them the better. She should consult the local secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society, who will see that in securing release from such heartless taskmasters she avoids the pitfalls which beset young girls without parental protection.*

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Dirty Work

"A FEW years ago I lost a good job and suffered imprisonment for stealing from my employers. For over twelve months after I had served my sentence I was unable to get work.

"I was in the depth of despair when I was offered my present job. My employer knew all about my past, and I thought at first he was a really fine fellow to give me a chance.

"I did very well, and after a few months I was practically managing his business for him. Then he showed his hand. He required me to act as a go-between in an intrigue which he was carrying on with another man's wife.

"I was too much afraid of another spell of unemployment to refuse to do what he asked, and for months I received letters for him and visited the woman to make appointments on his behalf.

"Now that he has lost interest in her, he has turned on me, and is trying to make out that I visited her on my own account.

"If I protest and try to defend my reputation he sneers at me and says no one will believe me because I am a convicted thief."

"HUMANIST" says: *If you had refused to do your employer's dirty work you might have lost your job, but you would have saved your reputation. The best thing you can do is to explain the circumstances to the probation officer and ask him to help you to find an employer with higher principles.*

Jobs for Jobs

MANY people who often speak of "the patience of Job" and of "Job's comforters" are unaware that in his happier days Job was a great practical philanthropist. There are many jobs for Jobs to-day in the work of "The Greatest of These—" Fund. See page 38.

Death-bed Promise

"MY wife is lying seriously ill, and there is no hope of her recovery. She is greatly distressed regarding the future of our two little children.

"She has told me that she wishes me to marry again for my own comfort as well as for the sake of the little ones, but she is tormenting herself with dread lest their stepmother should not be kind to them.

"She was a stepchild herself from an early age and I have often seen her shudder when she recalled her stepmother's cruelty.

"She has got the idea that all would be well if I were to marry her widowed sister who has no children of her own, and has already shown great fondness for ours, and she is begging me to make her happy on her death-bed by promising to do so.

"Frankly, although I respect my sister-in-law, I cannot conceive the affection for her which I think should exist between husband and wife, and I do not feel I am called upon to marry where my heart does not lead me.

"On the other hand, it is painful to see the distress which my refusal causes her, and I am anxious to console her.

"Should I make her passing peaceful and happy by a promise which I am not prepared to carry out?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It should not be necessary for you to make such a promise, for your wife should have sufficient confidence in your affection for the children to know that you would not after her death knowingly marry a woman who would be cruel to them. You can comfort her by telling her you will let her sister interest herself in their welfare so long as you remain single.*

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Farewell Swindle

"A commercial traveller for the firm which employs me has given notice to leave, intending to go abroad. I find that he is accepting orders which he should know are likely to remain unpaid and drawing commission on them. If I told my employers he might find himself without a reference when he leaves."

"Humanist" says: *That is his look-out. If you know your employers are being deliberately defrauded, you should tell them so, otherwise you are to some extent a party to the swindle.*

Mother's Child

"Can a man claim his illegitimate child? He has taken no interest in it whatever beyond paying 10s. weekly through the court, and now the little boy is seven he wants to take him away from the mother. Can she get into any trouble by refusing to let the child go?"

"Humanist" says: *The father of an illegitimate child has no right over it whatever, and the mother cannot get into any trouble if she refuses to allow him even to see her little one.*

Better Apart

"My friend's wife is suing him for divorce, for which I know she has good ground. I also know, what my friend does not, that his wife has also been guilty of misconduct. Should I tell him or the King's Proctor?"

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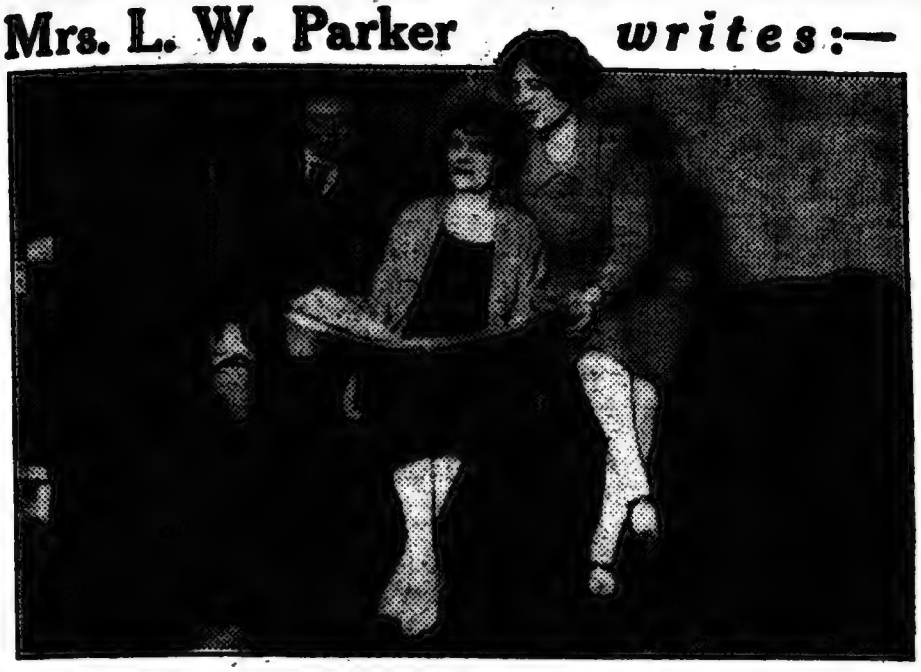

"JUST before Christmas I felt very easily tired, nervous at the slightest sound, and my appetite vanished. I tried many remedies, but without success. Early in the New Year I completely broke down. I was so prostrate that only with great difficulty could I be helped to a chair, there to fall helpless, endeavouring to fight the dreadful inertia that held me in its grip. Every morning for three to four hours these attacks of weakness lasted. At last my daughter, who is a great believer in Phosferine, insisted that I should take a course of the tonic. Imagine my surprise when after a few mornings the deadly prostration did not attack me. I persevered with Phosferine, and have now completely recovered my health. Once again I enjoy motoring and walking, and it is all due to the benefits received from the truly wonderful tonic." (8, Lancaster Road, Fleetwood, Lancs. *February 7th*, 1927.)

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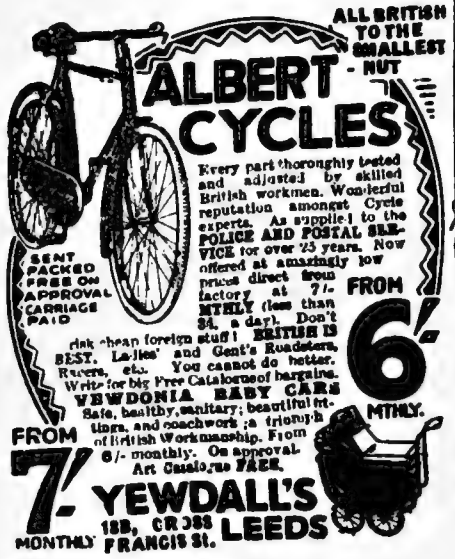

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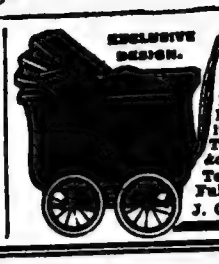

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MR. A. F. HOLT'S "Satan's Soap Box," in JOHN BULL, May 7, is the best tonic I have come across! It was time to talk straight about that warped type of person pilloried by Gilbert as "The idiot who praises with enthusiastic tone All centuries but this, and every country but his own." Such persons should be consistent enough to betake themselves forthwith to the country they prefer, and not meanly disparage their motherland while enjoying the privilege of being citizens of the freest Empire that has been.—*H. G., Plaistow.*

Sowing "Red" Seed

Your contributor, in "Satan's Soap Box," castigates the Communists, yet fails to say a word in condemnation of the conditions which breed Bolshevists. Unemployment, low wages, rotten houses and poverty are the fertile ground in which the "Red" seed is sown. The contented workman laughs at the revolutionaries, and is proof against their unpatriotic bluster.—*Not a Bolshie, Durham.*

A Lost Sense

We have to avoid two possible extremes—one, of suggesting that everything about our country is sacrosanct and every other nation hopelessly wrong, or of imagining that one must see no good at all in one's own native land in order to extol the good in other people's. Let us rediscover a sense of true perspective.—*S., Birmingham.*

Wrong Flag

Granted that the Red flag is the badge of an unholy trinity—non-liberty, non-equality and non-fraternity—nevertheless there is a reason for its adoption by many Labourities—namely, sheer cussedness because of the Conservative Party's monopoly of the Union Jack. Labour's mistake is that, instead of demanding the liberty of the Union Jack, it has tried to impose the tyranny of the Satanic Red Flag.—*W. L. N., Prenton.*

The Real Enemy

After reading "Satan's Soap Box" I felt just like Mr. A. F. Holt, that the Union Jack was the emblem of liberty and fair dealing, and I could not see what attraction Britishers found in any foreign flag. Then I turned to Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article on the "Five Martyrs," after which I wondered who was doing most to injure our flag and all that it stands for. Was it a Government who could treat honest working men in such a manner or the "wildest of Red men"? And I plumped for the Government.—"*Disgusted,*" *Blackley.*

Cause of Discontent

I entreat Mr. A. F. Holt to peruse with care the following articles which appear in the same number of JOHN BULL in which his outburst appears, and thereby learn what makes for the widespread discontent prevalent at the present time. Unlike Mr. Holt's, these are questions that will have to be answered by the responsible Members of the Government. Here they are: "The Five Martyrs," "Disgraceful Admiralty Blunder," "Amazing Shipwreck Story," and "The Blanco Boy's Protest."—*A. R. Foyle, Glasgow.*

Burns and the "Reds"

Mr. A. F. Holt deserves the thanks of all decent men for his straight speaking and hard hitting. It is indeed strange that those who profess to love the whole world should hate and revile their own country! Such sham internationalists should take a lesson from that great internationalist, Robbie Burns, whose pen dealt many shrewd blows at injustice and hypocrisy.—*A. J. Newlands, Brechin.*

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Not "Down With" Everything

Mr. A. F. Holt's is the best article I have seen in JOHN BULL for months. It's the stuff to give them. If there was less of this "Down with——" spirit, and more fair play from the so-called apostles of liberty there would be less strife, less unemployment, more work, better pay and greater freedom.—*H. B., Steyning.*

Chapels or Houses?

In this town six houses are being knocked down for the purpose of rebuilding a chapel. Nearly thirty people are to lose their homes, and are given six weeks in which to find alternate accommodation. What will they do? Who is responsible for such laws which make chapels more important than houses.—"*Kine,*" *Alfreton.*

Farcical Law

The other day a butcher was before a local Bench charged with not having given notice of the slaughter of a cow, and a farmer for not notifying the inspector of the removal of the carcase. The cow was accidentally hanged. The owner called in a butcher who subsequently exposed the meat for sale. An inspector afterwards noticed that the meat looked suspicious, and had it destroyed, but not before half of it had been sold! The cases were dismissed by the local magistrates, as the meat had not been condemned and brought before a magistrate! —*Dalesman.*

Jack Pays

Your paragraph that "sailors coming on leave are not required to pay their own passage" is not correct. The privilege was withdrawn many years ago, and in its place Naval ratings proceeding on leave are allowed to travel on payment of fare and one-third for the return journey, which you will agree is far from a free passage.—*E. B., Plymouth.*

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Common Birthright

While holding that the land of England rightfully belongs to the English people, I cannot follow Mr. E. Roffe Thompson when he says, "God knows why any man should pay rent for land which is the common birthright of mankind." There are 670 persons to each square mile of England. Surely it is not suggested that each of these can take his share without any payment!—*L. D., Hants.*

[It is not! It is suggested that those who wish to "own" land should pay its economic rent to the State. Land value is a social product and should be collected by society and applied to social needs.—ED.]

British Serfs

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson has shocked me. In his article, "The Five Martyrs," the facts regarding the Government's cold-blooded betrayal of those five ex-Service men make appalling reading. Have they hearts of stone—these men whom we put into Parliament? Are they dead to all sense of honour? In olden times the workers of the soil were called serfs; they were, like the soil, the absolute property of the landlord. A thousand years later, and we see little change; the landowner still has the land, and the worker—his dreams!—*Anti-Serfdom, Cumberland.*

Army Waitresses

I differ from Sgt. R. Tait, Hants, *re* the employment of girls in Army institutes. Most of these girls are the daughters of ex-Service men and their presence surely makes for a "clean" atmosphere. Tommy, like other people who have to "dine out," certainly appreciates his meals being given out to him by a pair of dainty hands. The Army authorities can be trusted to look after the moral side of the question.—*Fifteen Years' Service, N. Wales.*

Bad "Blanco Boys"

Without going into the reasons governing the calling up of the Reservists, I really don't see they have a legitimate "kick." Reservists receive 1s. per day whilst in civil employment, therefore let them (to say the least) be sporty enough to abide by their bargain. If one accepts a "retaining" fee one must be prepared to be "retained." They signed a perfectly straightforward document and were prepared to receive £4 11s. 3d. per quarter. So let the "Blanco Boys" not protest.—*R. D. M., Newcastle.*

A Terrible Street

I wonder whether the recent report on the white-slave traffic contains particulars of the street of licensed houses at Gibraltar. This street was shown to me by a chaplain to the Forces, who informed me that the women were examined monthly by our medical officer. I asked this chaplain if he did not feel it his duty to denounce such a disgrace. He excused himself by saying that the inhabitants would not feel safe from molestation by the troops and that, in any event, it was a safeguard to health. From that day onwards I was ashamed of the uniform I wore.—*J. H., Shrewsbury.*

Missed Feature

I am certain that my fellow-readers of JOHN BULL will join with me in congratulating Mr. Philip Inman on his recovery, and will be glad that he is able to carry on with his very interesting human documents, one of the brightest features of a most brilliant journal. I think that I am voicing the opinion of nearly two million readers when I say how very much I missed Mr. Inman's usual contribution in the April 23 issue.—*G. S., Notts.*

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TAYLOR'S LUCK IN THE DERBY

Five Seconds Since 1919—My First Four for the Epsom Race—Watch Weissdorn—Jockey Club and Declarations

FOR the past week nearly all my mail-bag has referred to the Derby, and I have been flooded with requests to place the first four.

I PRESUME that my optimistic correspondents hope to annex the umpteen thousands of pounds being offered in various quarters. I have answered every query in good faith, but I have pointed out that as I have placed the first four for hundreds of readers, although there are good prizes to be won, if my selections succeed these rich money gifts will be reduced to decimal points of a pound. Correspondents should combine their own judgment with mine.

THERE is still a doubt about Donoghue's mount. I understand now that Michael Beary will ride Money Maker, and that Steve will most likely be up on the best of Lady Torrington's pair, Vanoc, the outsider to which I referred last week, or Lone Knight. I think he is making an error of judgment in letting Money Maker go by. He turned down the despised Lancegaye last year, and he must have regretted his action after the race.

THE first four which I have broadcast are:—

CALL BOY	1
MONEY MAKER	2
SICKLE	3
SLEDMERE	4

OF course, anything may happen between now and Derby day, particularly if the dry weather continues. I know that the hard state of the going is perturbing a number of trainers. I shall have a final opportunity next week to make a revision, if necessary.

MICHAEL BEARY still lives in hope of capturing a Derby, and in Money Maker he has one of the best each-way shots in the race if only on account of the horse's stamina. The Newmarket critics mostly say that Mrs. Chester Beatty's colt will not be ready until the autumn, but they are not always right. Beary had hard lines in Manna's year. His mount, Solario, certainly the best horse in the race, was caught up in the tapes at the gate.

Michael Beary, who will probably ride Money Maker

TO the Derby horses which I gave last week Mon Talisman must be added. I overlooked this colt from the list of horses still remaining in the race, but the fact that he was backed by some folk at the Victoria Club call over is evidence that he is not among the missing. Mon Talisman, a son of Buchan, is French owned and trained, and is thought a good deal of in his native land.

MR. GEOFFREY GILBEY, "Larry Lynx" of *The People*, is to broadcast the Derby for the B.B.C. So if you cannot go to the race, listen-in. Mr. Gilbey will be assisted by Mr. G. F. Allison, who is supplying the local colour. You will hear the gentle bookmakers at their best.

WE have not yet seen the best of Weissdorn in this country, but I feel certain that the German colt is going to pick up a good race. I have a letter by me from an Englishman in Wiesbaden, which is interesting, and may prove a valuable hint for JOHN BULL readers if the horse is given another chance in an Epsom handicap.

MY Wiesbaden correspondent says the Epsom track is built like a number of German racecourses—*i.e.*, sharp downhill turns with a slight rising run in on the straight. It is on such courses as these, he adds, that Weissdorn made his name in the Fatherland. He has never shown his true form on straight tracks.

ALEC TAYLOR'S SECONDS

Sledmere is likely to be Manton's best for this year's Derby. Alec Taylor's record of five seconds in the Blue Riband since the war will ensure a big following for the son of Lemonora. Lemonora was third in the Derby of 1921. Here is a list of Taylor's seconds:—

1919.—Buchan, beaten half a length by Grand Parade.
1921.—Craig an Eran, lost by a neck to Humorist.
1922.—Tamar, four lengths behind Captain Cuttle.
1924.—St. Germans, second to Lord Derby's Sansovino.
1926.—Lancegaye, lost lengths at the start, but was Coronach's nearest opponent at the winning-post.

BUCHAN, Craig an Eran, Tamar and St. Germans, second in the races of 1919, '21, '22 and '24 were the property of Lord Astor whom I have always considered a lucky unlucky owner. He has just missed four Derbies, but he has captured the Oaks on four occasions. One of these was a substitute event. He has Double Barrel and Eagle Rock in the Derby this year, but they are not of much account.

APELLE, my Jubilee selection, was the centre of all eyes in the paddock before the race. I had heard just before coding the Italian-bred colt that down at Stockbridge he had given Purple Shade a couple of stone and lost him. On this form he should have won the Jubilee hands down, but he was done with a long way from home. Apelle would not take a prize on looks, but he is a useful customer, and will win some nice races this season, I should say over seven furlongs to a mile.

IT is a pity that Baron Baeyens has taken Dark Hillock out of all published handicaps, but I am told the hard going is responsible. The horse could hardly have been beaten at the weights alloted him in some of the races from which he has been taken out. The intention now is to reserve him for long-distance races at the back-end, probably the Cesarewitch will be first. If the ground is not too hard at Ascot I shall not be surprised to see stable plans revised.

I DO not know if Dark Japan goes at Manchester, but there are hopes that the horse will upset the plans of the invaders in the Ascot Gold Cup. Incidentally, Biribi has had his public trial for this event and was beaten by Asteroide. The race in question, the Prix du Cadran, is over the full Cup distance, and the failure of Biribi rather suggests that he is not the great horse he was thought to be. The probabilities are that Dark Japan has made greater improvement.

MY French correspondent, however, told me some time ago that Asteroide was one of the best stayers in Europe. The five-year-old is owned by M. Strassburger and, considering he bought the horse as a yearling by mistake, he made a lucky purchase. Asteroide is sired by Sun Star, a horse whose stock has never done much. M. Strassburger was under the impression when he clinched the deal that Sun Star was our Derby winner, Sunstar. However, as Shakespeare said, "What's in a name?"

IT will be interesting to note the Jockey Club's revision of the rule of racing which deals with declarations. At a recent meeting Lord Durham moved that the Stewards be allowed to submit an alteration, owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the rule, and Lord Derby seconded the resolution. It was carried.

AT present the rule, No. 139, reads: An owner running two or more horses in a race may declare to win with one of them, and such declaration must be made at scale. A jockey riding a horse with which the owner has not declared to win, must on no account stop such horse, except in favour of the stable companion on whose behalf declaration to win has been made.

WHILE on the subject, backers would not grouse if Tattersall's Committee went into the question of betting. In the face of an owner's declaration no sane punter can back his neglected. Yet they pop up over and over again. The French method, of being on the stable—*i.e.*, an owner's pair—should be adopted. It is fair and square and saves recrimination.

LAST year Stanley Wootton revealed a stable gold-mine in Globula. The Treadwell House money-spinner for 1927 is Rathdora. This youngster should never be missed. He will win races in much better company later on.

WINDSOR has its first meeting of the season this week-end. Here is a description of the course. For the two-mile races the horses start opposite the stand and run a figure of eight, the last six furlongs being quite straight. The five and six furlong events are run on this straight stretch. The course is flat, and high numbers are favoured in the draw.

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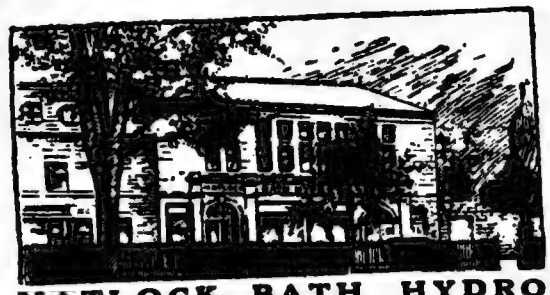

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March 1, 1927.

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JOHN BULL Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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T. V. (Dublin).—"The top of the morning to you." The top of the column to you.

F. Y. (St. Albans).—"We have just engaged a good cook." Was she?

N. J. (Dorking).—"There are several lady fruit-growers round here." Peaches?

T. R. (Bedford).—"I could tell you a few things." Yes, very few.

G. N. (Richmond).—"If I could get somebody to invest £100 in my scheme I'd make some money." Yes, £100.

F. S. (Hoxton).—"All men are born equal." But some are born equal to more than others.

L. T. (Bolton).—"Could you lend me a fiver for a month old boy?" Who is the month old boy?

B. P. (Dewsbury).—"He scooped at my tooth for about an hour." You must have been very much bored.

F. D. (Birmingham).—"He is repainting the finger-post, but it's rotten." That's a bad sign.

Y. M. (Knutsford).—"What men nowadays can be found to take much interest in their work?" Moneylenders.

Mrs. L. (Needham).—"Girls will be girls." But the old women needn't try to be.

H. F. (Cosham).—"I fell in love at first sight." Take a second look and then write us again.

ANN (Gotham).—"An unmarried woman feels the lack of a man to lean on." And if she gets one she'll sit on him.

D. M. (Chelsea).—"I push a pencil for a living." Don't you know pencils should always be lead?

Mrs. C. (Sinderby).—"What do men know about women's clothes, anyway?" The price, dear lady, the price.

B. K. (Kettlestone).—"There's no need for a man to tell his wife all his affairs." Because she'll find out without!

BRENDA (Acton).—"I dreamt I had a lovely new hat." The first recorded dream of a hat that cost nothing.

N. C. (New Cross).—"A wise man takes life as he finds it." But only a lazy man leaves it so.

Miss O. (Pye Hill).—"I saw, by the rules of the hotel, that tips were forbidden." Pooh! So were apples in the Garden of Eden.

G. L. (Cowdenbeath).—"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." And a boil in the kettle is worth several on the neck.

E. B. (Birmingham).—"What will be the best result of the young women's vote?" Candidates may enjoy kissing the voters instead of the babies.

FELICITY S. (Eastbourne).—"He is much more generous to me now than he used to be." And you naturally like him better in his present mood.

ELSIE (Austwick).—"I don't know if I ought to marry him because he does not believe in eternal punishment." Oh, marry him. You'll soon be able to convince him.

J. Y. (Brighton).—"She said she was sure she could learn to swim quickly if I would come and hold her up." Take care, or you may find yourself supporting her all your life.

H. G. (Leeds).—"I travel in ladies thin summer vests." Must be a bit chilly!

M. C. (Cardiff).—"Are asses termed quadrupeds?" A good many are bipeds.

B. H. (Bexhill).—"Is there anything certain in this life?" Yes, the uncertainty of this life.

Mrs. S. (Swansea).—"I manage to keep my sorrows to myself." Then you've no troubles to speak of.

C. T. (Lewes).—"My husband is going bald." Hard luck. You'll have to pull his whiskers instead.

C. G. (Belfast).—"Some women are more even tempered than others." And others are even more.

W. H. H. (Weymouth).—"I can tell just what people are thinking about me." What an unhappy life you must lead.

C. Y. R. (Hamilton).—"I never speak without thinking." But do you ever think without speaking?

M. F. (Caversham).—"I have named my new car after my wife." Is it so difficult to control as all that?

F. H. M. (Ware).—"I am now disillusioned and shall make money my god." Then you'll soon have the devil to pay.

H. K. (Bournemouth).—"Weddings are expensive affairs." On the contrary, the bride is given away and the bridegroom generally looks cheap.

H. P. (Nottingham).—"I can't resist eating strawberries, though they always bring me out in spots." A little rash, isn't it?

G. M. (Leeds).—"It's my ambition to go to the North Pole." We hope your ambition will soon be realised.

C. L. (Balham).—"I regard all street musicians as lazy loafers." On the contrary, many of them get through a hard daily grind.

Mrs. T. (Uttoxeter).—"She refused, point blank, to let me try on the dress marked £3 in the window." She probably feared the police would summon her for causing a crowd.

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E. R. (Norbiton).—"I am still keeping alive." Why?

A. T. (Holborn).—"I like a fresh egg." But not so fresh that it answers back.

PUPIL (Cambs).—"Our schoolmaster is a devotee of wireless." He uses the switch, we presume.

A. B. C. (Strand).—"A waitress's job is very trying." As also is the customer's waiting job.

S. N. S. (Birmingham).—"My dog would fetch £5 any day." We should let it—every day.

R. R. (Spittal).—"The policeman dammed the flow of traffic." We've often done that.

D. B. K. (Glasgow).—"Our local grocer has won a boxing championship." Lightweight, of course.

EDITH D. (Balsall Heath).—"He made my portrait look very pretty." How did you recognise yourself?

F. P. (Bermondsey).—"I saw you twice but you never saw me." You really shouldn't get in that condition.

Mrs. J. (Dumfries).—"I train up my children in the way they should go." And not as you went yourself?

G. B. N. (Hammersmith).—"Did you ever have a stage fright?" No; but we've sometimes seen them.

J. W. (St. Albans).—"My wife never dressed in short skirts and smoked." And look what she got!

JESSIE (Southport).—"If I am jilted I swear I won't take it to heart." You'll take it to court.

R. V. (Coulsdon).—"I must say that, for sheer impudence my small son takes some beating." But does he get it?

H. M. (Mablethorpe).—"He is over seventy, but can jump fences like a boy." Lucky old bounder.

L. B. (Lewes).—"Is the onion really a healthy vegetable?" Oh yes. Very strong indeed.

F. M. (Birmingham).—"At one time a woman's skirt swept the floor." Now it nearly sweeps the tables.

M. H. (Hull).—"I convinced our M.P. hewas wrong." Then mind triumphed over patter.

H. M. (Sheerness).—"I don't want you to print this letter in full." We are happy to oblige.

C. L. (Worthing).—"I am sure any phrenologist would say I had a remarkably fine head." You certainly appear to be unusually bumptious.

S. P. (Wolverhampton).—"If I win a *Bullets* First I shall be able to get married." This week's "Double-First" of £500 is what you want—you may be needing a divorce later on.

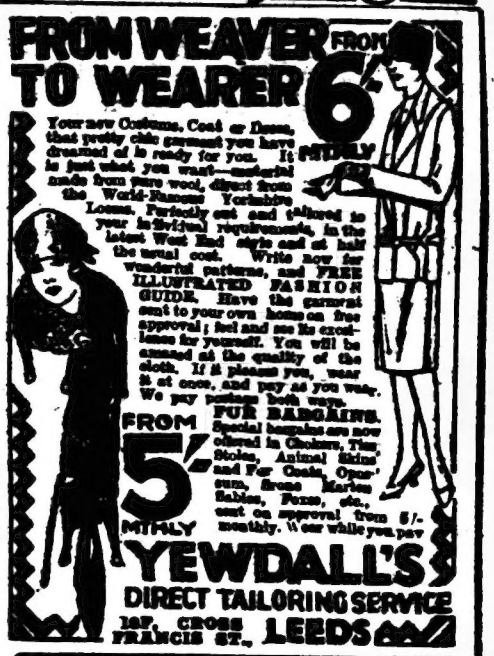
T. Y. (Balham).—"I had a ride on a horse the other day for the first time in my life." We suppose you were frightfully bucked.

T. N. (Sowerby Bridge).—"When answering gentlemen you should behave as one." When answering gentlemen we do.

"LADY ARTIST" (Fulham).—"I expect I could make more money as a washerwoman than as a painter." And have a much better chance of seeing your work hanging on the line.

(*Many replies unavoidably held over*).

FROM WEAVER TO WEARER FROM 6



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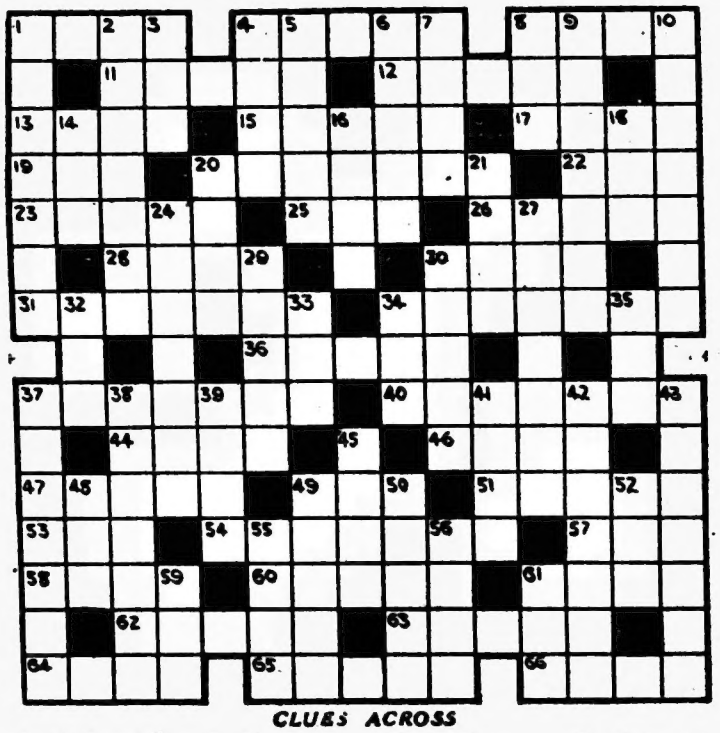

CLUES ACROSS

1. To disguise.
4. Stalk of grain.
8. Deeds.
11. Ferocious animal.
12. Unwilling.
13. Large water-fowl.
15. Anxious.
17. Comfort.
19. A sailor.
20. Towards the middle.
22. Ginger.
23. Genus of plant.
25. Illuminated.
26. Sacred musical work.
28. Wagered.
30. Third power of a root.
31. Kitchen furniture.
34. To cleanse.
36. Legal.
37. Fault.
40. Showing opposition.
44. Spoken.
46. Palm fruit.
47. To reckon.
49. Stay behind.
51. Alpine district.
53. Refreshment house.
54. Raise up.
57. Boring tool.
58. To measure.
60. Foe.
61. Trunk.
62. Small white heron.
63. To come after.
64. An indoor game.
65. To stir up.
66. Paradise.

CLUES DOWN

1. A condiment.
2. Surprise.
3. Relatives.
4. Observed.
5. Long fish net.
6. Watchful.
7. Message.
8. Consumed.
9. Division of a book.
10. Royal emblem.
14. Part of verb "to be."
16. Manner of walking.
18. Bishop's seat.
20. The rainbow.
21. Dirt.
24. Oriental.
27. Corpulence.
29. Satan.
30. Yielded.
32. Regret.
33. Rodent.
34. Performed.
35. Weapon.
37. A tenth.
38. Raised.
39. A levy.
41. Destiny.
42. Charged with carbonic acid.
43. Keeper of a toll-bar.
45. Presented.
48. I.
49. Slowly (in music).
50. Pastimes.
52. To be in debt.
55. Affected glance.
56. Northern river.
59. Self talk.
61. To petition.

The solution of last week's Cross-word Puzzle is on page 2.

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—If phlegm drops into the back of your Throat,
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—If you have to clear the Throat frequently,
—If your Nose is stopped up or "stuffy,"
—If you feel tired on rising,
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Doctors now realise that Catarrh is dangerous. It not only causes much suffering and distress, but it has a high rate of mortality, because the slimy and poisonous mucus flows downwards (especially during sleep) into the stomach, intestines, and other organs, causing Malnutrition, Debility and a Catarrhal condition of the whole inner man that lowers resisting power to disease, and leads to such deadly ailments as Gastric Catarrh, Intestinal Catarrh, and even Consumption itself.

If YOU are in the Grip of Catarrh don't delay, but write to me to-day, and learn how speedily the "Shirley System" will save you from the miseries and risks of Catarrh in all its forms, including Catarrhal Deafness and Gastric Catarrh.

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